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REPORT —TO OUR READER-OWNERS

Joe Knowland's "News"

Joe Knowland really ought to get next to himself, and run the Trib as a slicker propaganda sheet than the thing he runs now.

He not only doesn't run honest news most of the time, but he tells his company union boys to lay on the editorial slant with a steam-shovel, so that even the rankest amateur can tell that he is carrying out the hick paper tradition 100 percent.

And when you come to think of it, Oakland is getting big enough now so that it ought to abandon the hick paper tradition.

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"Union Split" Gag

April Fools Day was appropriately enough selected by the poor old yokel sheet to print a particularly fine specimen of news that isn't news, but just an April Fool imitation of it—full of biased editorializing.

This "news" story was of course headed "Union Split on Council Candidate." That's one of Joe's specialties just now—the union split.

The yarn started off with "Another break in labor's 'political front' was revealed today."

Note that: sheer editorializing, "another break," prejudicing the reader right off the bat against the possibility that the unions are presenting a fairly solid front in this Oakland election.

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Always Slanted!

Then the Trib's "news" item goes on to tell how George Leydecker has the backing in the City Council race of his IBEW Local 595, and adds:

"Despite that support from a union of which he has been a member for 20 years, the AFL Educational League sidestepped an endorsement in that contest."

Sheer editorializing again. The idea is Joe Knowland knows just what the AFL Educational League should have done, so he's chiding it in a "news" story for not doing it.

Of course Joe's company unionist in writing the story has to trot out Joe's own candidate for reelection, Frank Youell, who, the "news" item explains, "got the endorsement of Painters Union Local 127 in a previous split in the ranks of labor."

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Never the Real Story!

Why can't Joe Knowland grow up, and quit this juvenile rube stuff? He might do as we do on this paper when we intend to write a biased yarn which will contain both news and editorial slant—we label it "News plus Comment." That's giving your reader warning that you intend to do some editorializing in your news story.

But this Tribune flagrant slanting of a news story, with no apology, just plain oldfashioned biased reporting, is a stench in the nostrils. And never one unbiased story in the Trib of the major events happening in labor political circles—not a word that really conveys the news that the AFL majority and the CIO majority are standing shoulder to shoulder in this fight against the Knowland machine!

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Just a Wooden Plow!

Well, we probably shouldn't try to educate Joe and his little group of faithful company unionists. They might learn to be a lot slicker, and put over their propaganda more subtly, and so it might take longer to bust the Knowland machine.

But really, this clumsy out-of-date hick journalism of the Knowlands would indicate that it isn't really a machine—it's a wooden plow of the sort that peasants drag by their own strength. The only reason it has been allowed to operate and raise such profitable political crops for itself so long is because the people of Oakland have just not taken the trouble to replace it with modern machinery.

Because when you really examine the poor thing, with its primitive journalistic bleating, you marvel it has survived as a power—a Tower—so long.

New Police Chief And Old Praised

Everybody seemed agreed that retiring Oakland Police Chief Robert P. Tracy is a mighty fine fellow, and that the same is true of newly appointed Police Chief Lester J. Divine.

Around the Labor Temple as around the City Hall there was much satisfaction expressed that Divine had been given the post.

At a meeting of the City Council all members of that body joined in praising Tracy's record. City Manager Hassler introduced Divine to the Council, and Divine said:

"Since Mr. Hassler named me Chief of Police I have received many calls of congratulations, but I received more pleasure in the last few minutes hearing you praise the work of Chief Tracy. It is a challenge to me to follow Chief Tracy."

Not long ago Divine as head of the traffic enforcement work of the police department appeared before the Central Labor Council explaining the reasons for various steps taken to regulate traffic. He created a favorable impression by the frankness with which he answered all questions and complaints.

ERVIS W. LESTER of Oakland has been reappointed by Governor Warren to the Adult Authority, for the period ending March 15, 1953, subject to Senate confirmation.

Milk Drivers, Dairy Workers In $1 Day Rise

Milk Drivers and Dairy Employes Local 302 have reached a new agreement with milk distributors providing for a dollar a day across the board wage advance for 1187 members. The old contract expired April 1.

Negotiations have commenced with the Bay District Ice Cream Manufacturers for a new agreement to cover 200 members.

NEW WAGE SCALE

Under the new wage schedule agreed upon with the milk distributors, drivers get $15 a day, extra men $15.50, and swing men $16. Regular plant men will get $14.15, day plant relief men $14.65, and day plant swing men and pasteurizers, $15.15. There is a premium for night work.

The terms were accepted at a membership meeting Wednesday of last week by a vote of more than 4 to 1.

Local 302, which has jurisdiction over both Alameda and Contra Costa counties, last week in conformity with its practice of years' standing, published in both the Oakland Tribune and Post Enquirer a 3 column 12-inch advertisement giving the local's 1948 financial statement, signed by Secretary-Treasury Jeffery Cohelan.

The statement showed that the local's total net receipts for the year were $93,015.31, and that disbursements were $90,632.98.

DISBURSEMENT DETAILS.

The breakdown on disbursements showed $23,151.40 spent for sick and death benefits; $7,527.53 for membership and trade union activities; $28,308.09 for salaries for four full time people and 9 part-time; for office, car, and travel expense, rent, phone, etc., $14,307.69; to international and affiliates, $11,988.99, for donations to charitable and community organizations, $5,349.28.

The balance on hand at the beginning of 1948 is shown as $128,024.89, and the balance on hand at the end of the year, $130,407.22.

Write to Congress About Shipyard Crisis, Urges LLPE of Ship Laborers

Editor, Labor Journal:

A situation has developed which is of much concern and which calls for immediate action. Harry L. Miller, a delegate to the Alameda County Central Labor Council, has mentioned it to other delegates, but too few people, generally, are aware of its seriousness.

Shipbuilding is concentrated along a small strip of the eastern seaboard. This leaves the whole industry open to a quick surprise attack. This, together with the vulnerability of the Panama Canal and the deterioration of western yards and loss of experienced shipyard personnel is a matter of grave concern. It is a matter that all Americans should know so that they may aid in getting the situation corrected.

Many thousands, knowing of it, are trying to do something about it. Letters and cards are pouring into Washington addressed to Congressmen and Senators, asking the reactivation of the West Coast yards. It is vital to the defense of our country, and it is comforting to know that so many people from all walks of life are working to awake official Washington to the seriousness of the situation. You should write. Tell all your friends and neighbors about it. America must learn from the past and prepare intelligently for the future. It is our duty as Americans to see that this is done.

R. J. BRENNAN, Chairman
Labor's League for Political Education of Shipyard Laborers Local 886

BTC President Al Clem On Housing Committee

Henry E. North, president of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, has asked President Al Clem of the Building Trades Council here to serve as a member of the Bay Area Housing Committee.

North in his letter to Clem says: "The Economy Housing Conference pointed out a number of ways in which the development of an expanded economy housing program might be placed in effect. It is my hope that you will take steps as rapidly as possible to accomplish the objectives of the economy housing program, as well as to deal with other housing matters."

Drive to Elect Braga, Linotti To Citly Council Pressed by AFL

The campaign for places on the Oakland City Council which reaches its crisis April 19, the day of the primary election, was intensified this week, with statements coming from the various candidates.

The AFL Educational League continued to press its campaign for the two following candidates for City Council:

Al Braga, Council District 6
Frank Linotti, Councilman-at-Large

Many references to the City Council campaign will be found in other columns of this issue of The Labor Journal. Following are statements put out by various candidates or their supporters:

LINOTTI ENDORSED

Frank E. Linotti, candidate for Councilman-at-Large in the Oakland primary election April 19, has been endorsed by President George M. King and Business Representatives Ernest W. Mulgrew and Cy Stulting of Teamsters Local 70.

Linotti recently received the endorsement of the AFL Educational League, and the Alameda County National CIO.

Linotti, popular Oakland real estate man, is receiving endorsements from many civic organizations in his campaign for Councilman-at-Large, according to his campaign committee.

Linotti, who was born in Oakland, is a World War II veteran. He is married to the former Marjorie Evans. They reside in their own home at 4279 Norton Avenue. Frank attended local schools and prepared himself as a Real Estate Broker by graduating from a local business college. He is a successful business man owning his own real estate firm.



FRANK LINOTTI

Linotti has been active for many years in civic affairs and his business experience will prove valuable to the Oakland City Council. He pledges himself to a forward looking program of "equal taxation and tax assessment . . . non political city planning and business-labor relations to promote Oakland's growth."

Linotti says he wants honest public service, based on a sound, economical, impartial viewpoint.

Linotti announced "I am an independent, without political ties, and promise the voters of Oakland . . . Action! Not unfilled promises!"

MARION BOTTA'S STATEMENT

Marion Botta, candidate for the Oakland City Council from District 4, makes the following statement:

As candidate for City Council from District No. 4, I would like to remind my many friends in labor and out that I am the wife of an AFL member, mother of two daughters aged nine and twelve, holder of a BE degree, former teacher, Scout leader and neighborhood chairman and have earned the Honorary Life Membership Pin in the P-TA as well as holding a "Wonder Wives" card in the National Safety Council.

For many years I have devoted a tremendous amount of time and energy to the promoting of the cause of labor. You are all aware of the job I did for the candidates

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ATTENTION! Bakery and Confectionery Workers, Local 125!

Beginning with the month of April, the non-attendance fines for union meetings will be changed from $1 to 50 cents.

Yours fraternally,
HENRY SIMPSON,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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● *for Easter*
● *for all shopping*

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Record of Rishell And Youell Listed By Jack Reynolds

During the current Oakland campaign a political advertisement and front page story under the byline of Hugh Rutledge appeared in a community newspaper. The article and advertisement attacked the AFL Educational League.

Jack Reynolds, business representative of the Building Trades Council and a member of the executive committee of the AFL Educational League, had the following to say on the subject:

"The executive committee of the AFL Educational League consists of 20 members appointed by the Building Trades and Central Labor Councils. This committee of 20 persons screens candidates and makes recommendations for endorsements to the political convention of the AFL Educational League. This convention consists of all delegates to the Building Trades and Central Labor Councils. The AFL Educational League with its convention is the political arm of the AFL here. The executive committee of the League is commonly called the AFL Political Committee.

"It would appear, from recent articles appearing in the press, that the Oakland Tribune or the Tribune's candidates are making a strong bid to sneak a ringer under labor's political tent and, by paid advertising and front page publicity, attempting to confuse the voters on the real issues of this campaign. These tactics follow an old Fascist program (loudly deplored by the press when not used by them) of making sinister figures of the AFL Political Committee and picturing their candidate as martyrs who are nailed to labor's cross as a reward for their good labor records.

"Perhaps it might be well to examine the record of martyrs number one and number two—Councilmen Frank Youell and Cliff Rishell.

"About two years ago the Oakland City Council forced the Oakland Police Department to act as strike breakers in the Kahns and Hastings dispute. **Frank Youell was a member of that infamous City Council.**

"When that awful 80th Congress met in 1947 and were trying to scrap the rent control bill that, if killed, would have caused the immediate eviction of thousands of working people in Alameda County by greedy landlords, a committee of AFL representatives called upon the City Council and pleaded with them to enact a stand-by rent control ordinance. **Councilmen Frank Youell and Cliff Rishell voted against this emergency measure.**

"A few months ago the Mayor's Committee on Civic Unity recommended the adoption of a Civil Rights Ordinance by the City of Oakland. This program would have provided equal work opportunities to all people without regard to race, creed or color. **Councilmen Cliff Rishell and Frank Youell voted against this ordinance.**

"A few weeks ago a committee composed of business, professional, civic and labor groups appeared before the City Council with petitions bearing over 10,000 signatures requesting the City Council to allow the people to vote in the May Election on whether they desired a new City Charter to replace the present antiquated hodgepodge that is now in operation. **Councilmen Cliff Rishell and Frank Youell voted against the people's request for decent government in this case also.**

"I was somewhat amazed to hear that the rank and file of painters were agreeable to allowing their representative to spend union funds, with a rival newspaper, in an hysterical attack upon the AFL Political Committee with the avowed purpose of forcing the resignation of said Political Committee by demanding that they get out of politics and take care of their union business and let the representative of the Painters' Union and the Tribune candidates formulate the political policies of the AFL and I most respectfully request, as one member of the Political Committee, that the self appointed Messiah from the Painters' Union return to his pots and brushes and allow the Political Committee appointed by the AFL to handle the job for which it was appointed."

Committee for Labor Day Is Named by CLC

President A. G. Alameida of the Central Labor Council has appointed the following committee to make plans for the celebration of Labor Day:

Robert S. Ash, W. P. Fee, H. J. Badger, Charels Omstead, Al Morris, John Davy, John Quinn, Ed King, A. G. Alameida, John W. Austin, Paul Jones, Lew Blix, Eddie Maney, Tommy Roberts, and Albert Silva.

Suffridge in East Bay, Tells of Big Drives by Clerks

James A. Suffridge, the Oakland-er who is international secretary-treasurer of the International Retail Clerks Association, was in the East Bay this week, conferring with officers and members of the locals here preparatory to the Western Conference of Retail Clerks which opens April 13 in Denver.

The day before the conference opens a committee of three from each one of the 11 Western States



JAMES A. SUFFRIDGE

will meet in Denver to consider plans for tightening up organizing activities.

Charles Omstead of Food Clerks Local 870, the local to which Suffridge belongs, and J. B. Philpott of Department and Specialty Store Employes Local 1265 were among those conferring this week with Suffridge.

ST. LOUIS, CHICAGO DRIVES

Suffridge told The Labor Journal that in St. Louis last Monday an organizing drive got under way, with the Clerks, Teamsters, and Building Service Employes working closely together.

"Arrangements are now pretty well lined up for the same three unions to cooperate closely in an organizing drive in the Chicago Loop district," said Suffridge. "For some time we've been organizing around the fringes of the Loop, but the new combination drive promises good results."

NEW YORK STRUGGLE

The most sensational struggles of the union lately have been in New York, following the secession from the CIO union headed by Samuel Wolchok of several leftist locals.

Wolchok was deposed by the national CIO command for alleged lack of aggressiveness in organizing work, and there ensued a scramble of representation elections, with the AFL Clerks, the newly independent leftist unions, the remnants of the Wolchok union, and the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers, all seething and churning in the confusion. The CIO national command had assigned to the Amalgamated Clothing Workers some store jurisdiction in the effort to salvage some of the losses by the Wolchok union.

"SO MANY COMMIES!"

"It's been nothing but work," said Suffridge, "in the New York situation. We've won some scraps, lost some. It's not the kind of nice clean campaign one dreams of. There are so many Commies. And when I say Commies, I don't mean people that just happen to have been born with red hair, the way some oldtime organizers may have used the term. I mean COMMIES!"

In general, Suffridge said, "it's a slambang battle, with nobody exactly setting the world on fire."

Suffridge figures that of the 30,000 the Wolchok union still claims, some 20,000 must be warehousemen rather than retail people, though he said that in the general scramble, "they're trying to pick up all sorts of workers, from whose who assemble radios to those that shuck oysters."

Humanity Fellowship Must Hold New Election

Superior Judge Hoyt on Monday ordered a new election of officers to be held by the Fellowship of Humanity May 8 in the assembly hall of the Fellowship building, 411 28th street. He ruled out recent elections held by the two rival factions.

Pending the new election, Judge Hoyt ordered that the original board of directors, headed by E. O. Corson, take charge of the building. The board of directors includes Corson's supporters and some of the supporters of A. R. Mueller, leader of a group which sought to oust Corson.

Corson's group had elected Miss Anga Bjornson, Oakland high school teacher, as president. Corson claimed that the rival faction included leftists who had infiltrated the organization to win control of it.

New Oakland School Superintendent Here

Selmer H. Berg, who takes office as Oakland's superintendent of schools July 1, spent this week in conference with school administrators, teachers, and the Board of Education.

Berg succeeds Dr. William Odell, who resigned to take a place on the Stanford faculty.

Election Coercion of Teachers By Board's Machine is Charged

Complaints were received by Teachers Local 771 this week from many teachers that coercive methods are being used to compel them to back the campaign of several incumbent Board of Education members for reelection.

Candidates backed by the AFL Educational League have speculated as to whether it would be possible to ask for a Grand Jury investigation of some of the practices cited by complaining teachers.

COMPLAINTS LISTED

Ed M. Ross, president of Local 771 and also president of the State Federation of Teachers, has been given a list of the complaints made by teachers. They include:

1—That principals, or representatives of principals of schools, are passing out campaign literature of some incumbent Board of Education members; that there have been cases where ten postcards containing campaign arguments for incumbents were handed to each teacher, with instructions to address the postcards to friends, "and then return them to me."

2—That principals call meetings of the faculty, presumably to discuss educational matters, and in the course of the meeting the principal



DOROTHY CAMPAU

says: "There are a lot of Communists running for places on the Board of Education this year, and I leave it up to your judgment what should be done under the circumstances." Then when a teacher asks for more specific information, the principal will say, "I can't discuss the merits of particular candidates while on school property."

3—That members of the administrative staff of the school system are expected to supply the money that is used to print campaign literature for some of the incumbents seeking reelection.

TEACHERS COMMENT

Members of the Teachers Union complaining of these practices pointed out that a non-tenure teacher who is asked to address ten postcards and hand them back to the giver realizes that his or her job may be lost if the cards are not filled out.

Also, that with some 2000 teachers in the Oakland school system, if every teacher is compelled to address ten cards to friends, that's 20,000 cards, enough to swing an election.

Also, that no matter what pretexts are used, surely school laws are being violated by the carrying on of such activities on school property.

Also, that members of the administrative staff know that if they don't come through with contributions, they have little chance of promotion.

AFL'S CANDIDATES

The candidates for the Oakland Board of Education endorsed by the AFL Educational League are:

Mrs. Dorothy Campau for Office 1
Otto Hieb for Office 2
John Ware for Office 3
Charles Fisher for Office 4

One teacher who complained of the tactics which it was claimed were being followed in the schools to defeat the AFL Educational League ticket noted with interest a statement in support of C. Stanley Wood, incumbent in Office 1 of the School Board.

The statement, made by Homer Buckley, chairman of the "Veterans Non-Partisan School Committee," said that "all citizens must be alerted to the importance of this election due to the fact that the Communists are making an attempt to get into our school system."

Buckley's statement did then cite an actual Communist candidate running against Wood, but failed to mention Dorothy Campau, the AFL Educational League candidate against Wood, and thus, according to the teacher, "created the false impression, which is precisely the impression some of the incumbents are trying to create throughout the campaign, that only Communists are running against them."

DOROTHY CAMPAU FOR OFFICE 1

Resident of Oakland since 1921, educated in Washington, D. C. and Oakland Technical High School.

Graduate of the University of California at Berkeley.

Active in Community Chest, Red Cross, and community councils.

Member of the Mayor's Fact-finding Commission on Crime.

Interested in youth protection and welfare work, and for the last 13 years active in the Parent-Teach-

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6-hour Day Urged By BTC as Move to Decrease Jobless

The Building Trades Council adopted a proposal Tuesday night made by its executive board that local Assemblymen be urged to initiate legislation for a six-hour day on all public works.

Also, it was decided to ask the State Building Trades Council to back the move.

It was pointed out that in view of the current decline of employment, a shortened work-day on public works would do much to put a firm foundation under efforts to decrease unemployment.

The carpenters in recent negotiations have stressed the same thought.

BUELL GALLAGHER DINNER

Business Representative J. C. Reynolds reported that the testimonial dinner to Buell Gallagher, the Democratic candidate who gave Congressman John J. Allen Jr. in the 7th District a close race in the last election, was a big success.

Gallagher is leaving for Washington to take a Government post.

"If there'd been as many precinct workers for Dr. Gallagher as there were people at the dinner for him at International House," said Reynolds, "he'd have left for Washington a long time ago—as our new Congressman from the 7th District."

HOT CARGO BILL

Action of the State Federation of Labor in mobilizing a drive against the passage of State Senate bill 1066, the hot cargo measure, was heartily endorsed, and all unionists urged to write to Assemblymen protesting against the measure.

ARMED FORCES QUESTION

A communication from the AFL Building Trades department stated that there were reports that men in the armed forces were being used for construction work.

The Council voted to investigate this carefully in the local area.

Next 2 Years Are Held Crucial For Office Employes

Frank Randall, international vice-president of the Office Employes International Union, who with John Kinnick was a delegate to the recent convention of the union in St. Louis, says that the convention faced the fact that the next two years are crucial in the organizing of white collar workers.

"We raised the per capita to the international," said Randall, "as unless the international has more money it will be impossible even to make a start at coping with the big organizational problem with which we are faced.

"We now have over 200 locals in the United States and Canada, and with finances as they have been we haven't even been able properly to service the locals already established, much less do the organizing work that is necessary."

The new per capita is set on a sliding scale. Locals pay higher than formerly on the first 200 members, then the rate scales down between the 200 and the 500 mark, and after 500 the rate is the same as formerly.

Paul R. Hutchings was reelected international president. Randall was reelected to an international vice-presidency for the third successive year.

It was decided that hereafter instead of holding a convention annually in March, the convention will be held every odd-numbered year between June 1 and 15.

Note was taken by the international executive board of the fact that Local 29 has concurred in the proposal that a new local be chartered for Richmond and neighboring places within Contra Costa county. Headquarters of the new local will be at Richmond.

Paint Makers 1101 In Negotiations

Jack Kopke, business representative of Paint Makers Local 1101, told the Central Labor Council Monday night that the union is now engaged in negotiations for changes in its contract.

Laborers Elect Lago

Harry Lago has been elected to the executive board of Laborers Local 304, announces Secretary-Treasurer Paul Jones. The election took place at the last regular meeting.

Steamfitters Aid RC

Steamfitters 342 has contributed $50 to the Red Cross, announces Financial Secretary John Davy.

Nothing Personal

It was just coincidence of course that the local labor movement last two of its stalwarts a few days apart in the persons of Cliff Lester and Don Witt. Both of them played an important role in the affairs of Teamsters Local 70 and in the labor movement. Both of them had been president of Local 70 a few years apart. Don had served as a business agent some 20 years ago and later as president and both were militant trade unionists. Cliff Lester came from a strong union family, his dad having been a charter member of Local 70, while his two brothers played an important part in the building of Bartenders Union, Local 52. The late Roy Lester served as secretary of the Bartenders while Vic served as its president for many years.

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Don Witt at the time of his untimely passing, held a multitude of union offices and gave of his time willingly to the cause of labor. As a representative of the Glass Bottle Blowers, the School Employes and Gardeners Unions, Don was also an elected official of both trade Councils. He served as secretary of the BTC, vice-president of the CLC, and was a member of the Political League, besides being on various committees. With the deaths of Cliff Lester and Don Witt, the labor movement has lost two of its finest sons, both hard workers and sincere trade unionists whose presence and counsel will be sadly missed. To both families deepest sympathies are extended.

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It wasn't told to us, we only heard that . . . Out of the four congratulatory messages read at the Oakland City Council on the appointment of Les Divine as the new Police Chief . . . three of them were from Labor Representatives . . . which means??? . . . anyway we wish to extend our belated congrats to Oakland's new chief as well as to manager Jack Hassler for his choice . . . and our well wishes to retiring Chief Tracy.

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We hear too that Eric Cullenward the ace publicist who was called into Oakland at the tail end of the City Election in 1947 is back in our fair city doing the tub thumping for Florence Fletcher in the district 4 Council race . . . If our memory serves us right, wasn't it the same Mr. Cullenward who was called in to wind up the Retail Merchants publicity against John Philpott and his Clerks Union?

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I am sure that our readers remember the "Run for your lives men, the radicals are about to take over" ad that appeared just before election time in 1947. That was an endearing piece of publicity and we should be getting some more like it before this campaign is over . . . we trust we won't be disappointed.

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We are also wondering whether the San Francisco Ace publicist is just running the Fletcher show . . . or could it be that he is doing some curricular work for some of our labor friends that are running at this time . . . like writing ads or questions or sumpin . . . We are just wondering . . . that's all.

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We hear also that Bob Ash has again arranged for a full box for the Oakland Baseball opening next Tuesday night . . . Last year some 75 AFL members were present at the opening and a good time was had by all . . . Reservations may be made by calling Bob Ash at the Labor Temple . . . and don't forget . . . the Oakland City election is a week from Tuesday and labor must get out to the polls.

Auto Salesman Now Have New Contract

The new contract of Auto Salesmen's Local 1095 with the Motor Car Dealers Association has now been accepted and signed by both sides, says Al Silva, business manager of the union.

Under the new agreement, a salesman is guaranteed $300 a month any month no matter how much his commissions may have been the previous month. Formerly this guarantee was $100.

Also, if someone in the management sells a car, the commission is split with the salesman, whereas formerly the house could sell four such cars without the commission split.

Laundry Drivers 209

Laundry Drivers Local 209 has reached a crucial stage in negotiations with employers.

CONGRESSMAN ALLEN, Republican, in a radio talk criticized Democrats who voted against Rankin's pension bill, and said that he would like to see each State handle its own rent controls.

Names Will Be Filed Monday For CLC Place

The Central Labor Council Monday night adjourned out of respect to the memory of Don Witt, second vice-president of the Council, who died March 30.

Nominations for the vice-presidency made vacant by Witt's death will be made at the meeting Monday, April 11, and the election will be held at the meeting Monday, April 18.

Be Sure To Sign The Oakland Freeholders' Petition!

INSIDE NEWS of A. F. of L. LABOR UNIONS and AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

LAUNDRY DRIVERS No. 209

By GEORGE R. WILSON

Brothers, our subject today is a union man. This write-up deals with a brother in our organization who is a union man wholeheartedly. When I say **Union Man**, I mean just that. He works, sleeps, and believes in unionism. The man I'm speaking of is George Mainhart, Revelation Cleaners, in Alameda.

Mainhart, has been assisting brother Clyde Jackson in some policing work. They're out after the chiselers working on Saturdays. In doing so, they have picked up quite a few fellows who were defying our working agreement. Well, these fellows have been tried and given stiff fines.

On interviewing Mainhart, this is what he said to me: "It's a shame, Wilson, that we must get out and police our members, like this. But in every organization, you'll find a chiseler. One who thinks he's getting away with something. They might get away with it two or three times, but they eventually get caught. The funny part about these chiselers is, practically all of them asked for a five-day week. Now that they have it, we find them working six days."

Understand, Mainhart doesn't get any compensation for his work whatsoever. Anytime he's called to help us, he never refuses.

Let me acquaint you with a few things you probably don't know about George Mainhart. First of all, he's a family man with a wife and daughter living in Alameda. During the War, he was a sailor in the Merchant Marine. He was torpedoed of the coast of Madagascar in 1944. He was injured and adrift at sea for 17½ days. He was laid up in the hospital for a couple of months and was unable to work for one year.

In 1945, he worked for the Contra Costa Laundry as a driver. He gradually worked his way up to sales manager. This position was held until 1947, then he left there and went to work for "Revelation."

He believes that if we are to have a strong union, the entire membership will have to pull together. He claims most of the fellows picked up on Saturdays, say they can't make a living working 5 days per week. Others say, it rained on Friday and they couldn't finish their routes. Well, the majority of our brothers seem to get by very nicely on 5 days a week. It also rains on Fridays for us . . . yet, we make our deliveries. There is absolutely no excuse you can give for working on Saturdays. We're not going to tolerate it, and we mean to stop it immediately. Rules are not made for any one individual; they are made for the good of the entire membership. Remember, brothers, you joined this union to better yourself financially, and in working conditions. You were the brothers crying for 5 days. Let's live up to our agreement.

Fellows like George Mainhart, are the type of fellow this union needs. He's an excellent leader and is always active in our meetings. Be active, brothers, that's what your paying dues for. This union could be run like a lodge or club; that is, if you do your part in by helping. Be an active member and you'll be just as good a union man as George Mainhart.

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STROKES FROM THE BRUSH OF LOCAL 127

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

The following brothers on the sick list at the present time: Gilbert Arculeta, Hugh Callaway, Walter Davisson, E. H. Fullmer, Oren L. Ferguson, E. Falk, Gilbert M. Hackinson, Walter Jackson, Virgil Johnson, F. H. Klecker, L. A. Monnette, C. R. Mansir, J. McAdams, Gust Strom, Ray Shearer, Harry Thomas, L. Van Landingham, J. L. Hoffman.

We regret to report the death of brother T. S. Cox who passed away Tuesday March 29. Brother Cox was buried on April 1. The officers and members of the local extend their deep sympathy to the family of our departed brother.

As reported last week the arbitration board has awarded the painters the health benefit plan which provides that the employers add 2% of all wages paid into a health plan. This plan will be fully explained at the next meeting of the local which will be held Thursday, April 14. At that time we will vote on all amendments to the Bay Area Agreement and all brothers are urged to attend this important meeting.

ON THE POLITICAL FRONT

It is our understanding that the so-called rabble rousers of the AFL Educational League are getting ready to make a personal appeal to the members of this local against the action of yours truly in endorsing for office at the coming election a member of this local for 45 continuous years and also a member of 30 years standing in the Sign Painters Local. I should be more than happy to debate with them this issue if they will appear at our special meeting to be held on Thursday, April 14th in our hall at the Labor Temple. In the meantime, any of the brothers can be like myself and ask a few simple questions when approached on this proposition.

For instance, you might ask why not a single member of any union was endorsed by the league in spite of the fact that no less than 7 union men were aspiring to office. You might ask why the big and powerful Butchers union voted to withdraw from the Central Labor Council. You may even ask these people what the voting record of their endorsee Charles Fisher was when he was in the Legislature in 1933.

It may come to your mind to ask them why they can't even talk to the last group of Councilmen that we helped put in office or you may think to ask them why they endorsed two members of the Real Estate Board which is diametrically opposed to rent controls. If they explain their actions on those questions to your satisfaction then come up to the meeting and hear me throw a few more at them. There is probably a good many of the brothers who would like to know these answers and so would I.

2nd Quarters dues are now payable in the office.

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OFFICE NOTES, LOCAL 29

President Travis Briley made the following Committee and Delegate appointments at our regular membership meeting, held in Oakland on March 23.

ALAMEDA COUNTY CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL: Jean Senander, Ray Lewicki, Melba Bell, Travis Briley, John Kinnick and Paul Paduck.

METAL TRADES COUNCIL: John Kinnick, Katherine Pease and William Dean.

CONTRA COSTA CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL: John Kinnick, Maretta Bork and Margaret McGreevy.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL: John Kinnick and Cliff Andrew. Rosalind Briley and Marilyn Anglim—alternates.

UNION LABEL COMMITTEE: Melba Bell (Temp. Chairman), Jean Emerson, Roberta Boch and Charles Clough.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE: John Kinnick, (Temp. Chairman) Melba Bell, LaVora Roberts, Cliff Andrew, Jean Senander and Lois Olsen.

POLITICAL AND EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE: Gladys Moore (Temp. Chairman) Barbara Lenz, John Kinnick, Lillian Elnor, Paul Paduck, Estelle Goyeau, Florence Clarke, Verona Larson, Mary Cummins, and Marie Alves.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE: Estelle Goyeau, Betty Bowen, Verna Sands, Rita Somers, Betty Winkelbach, Madeline Borges, Charles Bracewell, Marjorie Stroup, Florence Harper, and John Kinnick (Temp. Chairman).

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: John Kinnick, Melba Bell and Travis Briley.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE: Florence Clarke (Temp. Chairman) Rita Somers, Madeline Borges, Harry Faas and Muretta Bork.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE: Jean Schaeffer, Mary Marsh, June West, Kay Butcher, Travis Briley, Jean Senander, Cliff Andrew, Florence Hudson, Marjorie Stroup, Frances Torrenga, Marilyn Anglim, Esther Chavez and Ellzabeth Simmons.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE: Lillian Elnor, Marilyn Anglim, John Kinnick, Melba Bell, Margaret McGreevy, Florence Clarke, Lois Olsen.

The By-Laws Committee held its first meeting, Friday, April 1, at Union Headquarters. Other Committees are expected to meet soon.

The Milk Industry has drawn up its proposals for presentation to the Alameda County Milk Dealers Association. The following negotiation Committee was elected to assist Business Agent Kinnick, in negotiations.

Cliff Andrew, Carnation Company with Esther Chavez alternate. Wilma Reed, South Berkeley Creamery with Jean Shelton alternate. Ruth Gates, Challenge Creamery with Margaret Gordon alternate. Gladys Moore, Golden State Company with Elsie Rodriguez alternate. Jean Dodgion, Bordens Dairy Delivery, with Esther Mondragon alternate.

Additional news has been received on the International Convention in St. Louis.

Frank Randall of Oakland was re-elected a Vice President. Delegates Kinnick reports that the per capita tax from each local was increased on a graduated scale, averaging approximately ten (10) cents per member.

The Convention was capably addressed by Ralph Wright, Assistant Secretary of Labor and a member of the International Typographical Union.

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'WATCH IT' WITH WATCHMAKERS

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

On Thursday of last week, I had the unpleasant task of attending the funeral of Wm. L. Bowley in Stockton, California.

Some of the Charter members of our union will remember Bill Bowley, as we used to call him. However, for the benefit of the newer members, Bill was one of the members who formed the backbone of the Jewelers Local 36 some years ago. In fact it was Bill Bowley who encouraged and assisted me in the organization of the Watchmakers in this area.

Bowley served as President of Local 36, as well as being an International Vice-President over a number of years, prior to his going to Stockton and opening a business of his own.

Bill was 62 years of age at the time of his death and his passing is a great loss to the unions.

A $2.95 up, dial refinishing price that was advertised in this particular paper the last week or so, has been discontinued. I cannot say that I convinced the head of the advertising agency responsible for the price ad, that a $2.95 dial refinishing advertisement was watch repairing, but they agreed to discontinue the price advertising because of the union's position.

While on the subject of price advertising, I might inform all of you that I have had numerous calls from the large stores who do advertising, for the right to use price advertising in their attempts to get more watch repairing.

This matter of price advertising is going to become more serious if business conditions remain as they are. Therefore, it is necessary that all members, both the workers and the proprietors, attend the union meetings and maintain the membership that will keep the industry on the high level that we have it on today.

This week it became necessary to request the San Mateo Labor Council for strike sanction against Brown's Jewelry Store and the San Bruno Watch Shop—both in San Bruno.

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DRESSING ROOM CHATTER

(Theatrical Employes B-82)

We have often heard the phrase: "The customer is always right." Obviously no customer is always right as is no other individual infallible. Therefore by the same token the employe is not always right, or is an employer expected to have perfect batting average.

Our members are engaged in a service industry and it is our duty to service the customer, whether it means selling a ticket, collecting it or seating the patron. The majority of theatre and other amusement patrons are deserving of every courtesy. Without enough patrons, any business will cease to operate, and not being in operation there is of course a resulting unemployment problem.

There is a minority of patrons, who are impossible to service satisfactorily, as they expect the impossible in services. Regardless of this, you can always give them a generous portion of courtesy, which will go a long way in making them possible regular customers.

We have some overzealous members, who take it upon themselves to act as policemen when they encounter the boisterous, noisy or drunken patron. Do not argue with a patron, refer the problem to the manager.

Do not attempt to act as a bouncer if confronted with any violation of the law, call for the law enforcement officers.

We know the usual retort to that is: "You can never find a cop when you want one." Nevertheless, that is what they are getting paid for and not the theatre employe. Not too long ago an alleged drunk in a downtown theatre, reportedly disarmed a local gendarme. If he could do that with a man who is supposedly equipped to cope with physical violence, what chance would you have with him?

Unfortunately, these remarks do not apply only to the male members, we have a few female members who have been known to manhandle patrons. There is no excuse for this.

The average manager does not expect you to perform such duties. There are a few unreasonable managers, however, who do encourage such tactics. Report these managers to your union business office, as no company approves of such a policy.

If you are in doubt as to what your duties consist of, consult your manager, as although the general duties in any classification are pretty much the same in all theatres, there may be some specific duties that vary from theatre to theatre.

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, April 13, at 19 a.m., in the meeting hall above the business office. Other meetings scheduled for the month will convene on the 3rd Thursday at 11:30 p.m. and the 4th Saturday at 10 a.m.

Up and down the aisle . . . The Esquire Theatre will close for one week starting April 11 for much needed repairs . . . Bob Bartelson, moving to the all night shift at the Esquire, from the day shift, replacing Eric Burg . . . Gail Lynne, formerly of the Moulin Rouge, pinch hitting in the Franklin box office while La Donna Yager Weller honeymoons . . . Florence Diehm, a former member, is the latest addition to the Grand-Lake staff . . . Cuba Horry is the up and down the aisle gal at the Roxie, where head usherette Elinor Kelly was quite miffed when we recently mentioned the T&D and Esquire as giving better than average service. She says "Service at the Roxie is excellent" . . . Shirley Howard, latest addition to the U.A. door crew is a boy that should really have all his marbles, having been a champion marble shooter at one time . . . Local B-18 in S. F. announcing that Maurie O'Hern of the Geary box-office is a partner in the new Show Club next door to the Curran theatre . . . A Happy Birthday to Edith Hill, Orpheum cashier and executive board member . . . Dick "Come and Get It" Duley, touring the town in a recently acquired Plymouth . . . Richard Huber, replacing Gerald Stubbs on the floor at the Telenews, while Gerald returns to his first love—the ball park . . . June Davis—the new personality girl at the Senator . . . Duana Spoon, doing a good job in the Central box-office . . . A recent ruling handed down by the Industrial Welfare Commission to the effect that any dinner in excess of one hour shall be considered a split shift and is to be compensated for at the rate of 65c a day. This applies to women and minor employes. Male employes are to receive an extra 65c only on days where the dinner period is in excess of two hours . . . Bob Keown, former assistant manager at the Franklin and manager of the Liberty in Richmond in to renew his registration for employment as a doorman . . .

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CARPENTERS' AUXILIARY No. 160

Carpenters Ladies Auxiliary No. 160 will hold their regular social Friday, April 8. This is the last social for this committee and also our Easter social. Come and let us all have a good time together.

The card party April 2 was a financial success. Not too big a crowd but many who could not attend sent in their ticket money. President Jean Kinney was the lucky one. Jean won the door prize of a nice box of groceries and also a set of pillow cases. Monroe won the booby prize. The committee

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Union Teachers

By FRED CLAYSON

Hi, dear reader. Taking up where we left off last week. Here are some more bills in the legislature at Sacramento and the California State Federation of Teachers stand on them.

We are in favor of:

Assembly Bill 1978 Cramer. Permits school districts to authorize courses in nature study and conservation courses.

AB 2120 Dunn. Relates to apportionment of State funds for school support. Increases the foundation program of school support in elementary school districts of 100 or more from $145 to $185; high school with 300 ADA or more from $175 to $210; Junior College from $200 to $225.

AB 2298 Niehaus. Permits county superintendents of schools to make temporary transfers from county schools service fund to any school district lacking sufficient money to meet current operating expenses.

AB 2321 Huyck. Permits a member in good standing in a district retirement system, certified by a district physician as being physically or mentally disabled to qualify for a disability retirement.

AB 2682 Kirkwood. Provides that the governing board of any city school district may inform and make known to the citizens of the district, the educational programs and activities of the schools therein. (Note: This should be made mandatory rather than optional.)

AB 2684 Kirkwood. Provides for additional money to school districts for rapid growth over previous year ADA.

AB 848 Gaffney. Provides 3 days leave of absence in case of death in the immediate family.

We are opposed to the following Assembly bills:

AB 338 McCollister. Abolishes program in School Code for the education of mentally retarded children.

AB 677 Morris. Requires that the Bible be read for at least five minutes each day in all public schools.

AB 858 Dolwig. Provides that the CTA, Superintendents, Principals, etc., shall determine the educational organizations that governing boards may subscribe to.

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Much News of Many People!

$35,000,000 PG&E MONEY would have to be spent building and relocating facilities if the plans of Charles E. DeLeuw, Chicago traffic consultant, for subways and freeways in S. F. were carried out, says the big private utility.

SAN FRANCISCO VOTERS showed less interest in the Presidential election last November than voters in any other of the State's four largest counties. Only 77.6% of them went to the polls, while in the State as a whole the average was 80.6%.

$1,000,000 MORE PENSION money will be paid out by the State in April than in March, State Controller Kuchel estimates.

LONGSHORE OVERTIME suit by 1139 CIO men for an estimated $1,000,000 in back "overtime on overtime" pay lost out in S. F. Federal Court in a ruling by Judge Louise E. Goodman. There are 32 other similar suits brought by Bay Area waterfront workers in 1945 and 1946.

REPEAL-No. 4 PETITIONS began going the rounds just before the month of April began. The AFL California Labor League for Political Education has voted against backing this move, although it did not back No. 4 when it was on the November ballot. Since the people voted it, leave it alone, is the AFL attitude.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA is still planning to have a Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner, although the Bay Area had one long ago. The Los Angeles Demos will invite President Truman as the speaker if he makes that tour of the country to support his program he's been mentioning as a possibility.

AFL TECHNICAL ENGINEERS Local 11 has urged the S. F. Civil Service Commission to replace non-Civil Service engineers in municipal employ with those who have successfully passed examinations. The Civil Service Commission claims there are not enough such persons to fill all the eligible positions.

LOCAL RENT CONTROL wouldn't work well, says Governor Warren, commenting on the new Federal law which permits local controls, that is, by county or city, if the Governor of a State authorizes such local controls. Warren says that local controls would cause confusion, especially in such densely populated counties as Alameda, San Francisco San Mateo, and Los Angeles. One ceiling would be effective on one side of a boundary street, and another one on the other side of the street, he said.

HARRY BRIDGES' $750,000 libel suit against the Waterfront Employers Association, filed during the 95-day waterfront strike, has been dismissed in S. F. Superior Court, attorneys for both sides asking dismissal "in the interest of harmonious relations on the waterfront."

WEST COAST SHIPBUILDING will be resumed, President Truman has promised a delegation of Bay Area Congressmen including Representatives Welch, Miller, Havenner, and Allen. Mr. Truman promised to have the matter taken up with the Maritime Commission at once, to get some work allocated to Pacific Coast yards now idle.

AUTO REGISTRATION in Alameda county was 263,733 in 1948, and the year before was 248,463. San Francisco has smaller figures; 251,394 in 1948; and 231,357 the year before. The total registration for the State in 1948 was 4,216,532, a total larger than that of any other State or foreign country.

STATE DEPARTMENT MAN, Walter M. Kotschnig, while in the Bay Area recently was asked if he thought there were many Communists in the U. S. His reply was: "They just holler a lot."

THREE ITALIAN LABORITES visited the East Bay recently, going through the Crown Zellerbach plant at San Leandro. They are making a tour of the entire country. Giulio Pastore, general secretary of the Free General Confederation of Italian Labor, said while here: "Far from considering ERP a Wall Street plan as Communists have charged, the Italian workers look upon such aid as actually coming from the workers of America to the workers of Italy."

430,000 UNEMPLOYED in California at the end of February, greater for the same period last year, but in line with the national situation. Home relief rolls in the State increased by 11,000 in February. Director Bryant thinks the peak of joblessness has been passed for the year.

"SMOG COULD PROVE to be a potential hazard to public health, safety, and enjoyable living in the Bay Area if remedial action is not planned in advance," says a report made by the Bay Area Council. There is a nine-county Conference of Supervisors on Smog Control.

MARINE ENGINEERS Beneficial Association, CIO, is polling its members to authorize a strike June 15. Wage increases running from $4.64 to $12.18 are asked, and a boost in overtime rates.

STEEL PRODUCTION in California will increase 6% this year, predicts S. E. Gates, acting chairman of the Iron, Steel, and Allied Industries of California. This year's production, he thinks, will be 114% higher than the State's 1941 output.

ALL 4 CONGRESSMEN of the Bay Area, Miller, Allen, Havenner, and Welch, voted for repeal of margarine taxes.

'LOW MAN OUT' system of waterfront hiring, whereby dispatchers sent out men who had worked the least number of hours in a given period, has been abandoned by CIO Longshore Local 10, with approval of employers, on ground that it is confusingly difficult to administer. Rotational basis restored.

"NEW DEMANDS ON MANAGEMENT" will be theme of 21st Pacific Coast Management Conference in S. F. and Berkeley April 19 and 20. It was explained that "not all the demands to be discussed will be union demands. Government demands on management and the coming 'welfare state' under our present social security pattern may prove to be a bigger threat to private enterprise in this country."

PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS resumed full Pacific flight operations Saturday after settlement of a worldwide walkout lasting 17 hours of 250 radio officers, members of CIO Transport Workers.

MACHINISTS' AGREEMENT between the California Metal Trades Assn. and the International Assn. of Machinists providing for substitution of a health and welfare program for wage increases is being considered by the employers and the nine Bay Area locals of the Union, including some 20,000 workers in the area. Proposals were agreed on by negotiators working with Federal Conciliators Kenaston and Williams.

JEFFERY COHELAN of Milk Drivers 302 participates this (Friday) evening in the discussion of Plato's "Apology" in the light of present day events, to be led by Chancellor Robert M. Hutchins of the University of Chicago.

VOTE OF BAY CONGRESSMEN on the Senate-House conference report on the rent control bill was: Yes, Allen; No, Miller, Havenner, Welch. In the Senate, on the measure to extend rent control for 15 months: Yes, Downey; No, Knowland.

BART CRUM, attorney well known in labor circles, has definitely established himself in New York, having joined the law firm there of Poletti, Diamond, Freidin & Mackay. Crum left the Bay Area last April to publish the newspaper Star, successor of PM. When Star folded January 28, it wasn't known whether Crum would return here or stay in N. Y.

TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL was discussed this week at a three-day session opening Monday in Fairmont Hotel in S. F., with some 60 speakers telling of various means of controlling the disease.

ANNA LOUISE STRONG, Bay Area pro-Soviet writer of long standing who was recently ejected from Russia as a spy, says in her series running in S. F. Chronicle: "I do not accuse the Soviet state as such. I accuse the great spy scare spreading over the world which comes from the cold war. **(Editor's Note: She doesn't suggest who started the cold war. Did the white egg lay the red chick, or did the red chick lay the white egg?)**

ASSEMBLYMAN BYRON RUMFORD of Alameda county is the introducer of the bill to end cross-filing which has attracted much attention.

7-STATE SP STRIKE set by Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen for Saturday was postponed for 60 days by the action of President Truman in setting up a factfinding board. The board has 30 days to make its findings, and the company and the union have an additional 30 days in which to accept or reject the findings. If the union rejects the findings, it is then free to strike.

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By LEW C. BLIX, Chest Labor Liaison Officer

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LARGE AND UNNECESSARY STAFFS

If you were to walk into campaign headquarters of the Community Chest during the period of the annual drive for funds, you would probably witness a beehive of activity from the early morning hours until late at night. Young women and men working adding machines, comptometers, calculators and bookkeeping machines in every available space in the office. Messengers delivering printed material, pledge cards, honor citations and others making pick-ups, checking and auditing returns. Every nook and corner of Chest headquarters would be alive with zeal, eagerness and industry.

Outside of headquarters, other activities will be taking place—just as important as the tabulation of results but not as visible to the eye. These will include the speakers, solicitors, committeemen, firm captains and their crews, members of the staffs of the Chest and the agencies, publicity committees and hundreds of other workers who form a part of the organization.

MANY VOLUNTEERS

With the exception of a handful of leaders—who must direct and guide these workers—every single one of them is a volunteer who has consented to give up time and effort in making the campaign a success. Without the assistance of these volunteers, it would be utterly impossible to meet the starting and finishing schedules or to cover the territory which must be visited from the waterfront to and beyond the Oakland and Piedmont hills—and including the corporate city limits of Emeryville and San Leandro.

To build up this reserve force requires much time and energy. Each department or division of the Chest must begin preparing for the following campaign as soon as the current one is completed. Long lists of volunteer workers must be recruited and held in abeyance until the campaign is ready for launching. Most of these workers are those who respond year after year but there are always some who cannot reply and new replacements must be added to fill the depleted ranks. These have to be taught and guided until they are capable of going out on their own.

SKELETON STAFFS

As the campaign gets under way and the districts have been canvassed, the workers turn in their kits and other materials and go back to their regular duties. The office staff is curtailed as quickly as the need for help decreases and, when the campaign is terminated, all volunteer workers are relieved of their responsibilities and the original skeleton staffs of the Chest and its affiliated agencies carry on from there. These are the employes who must keep the year 'round activities going.

The campaign itself is merely a part of the program. Allocations, relief work, contacts, keeping and segregation of the returns and records, building for another campaign, and hundreds of other detail matters begin immediately upon the completion of the campaign. These are the things the staff must handle.

The office of the Chest and its agencies is kept just as busy between campaigns but the spectacular display of activity that is evident at campaign time is missing. The volunteers have done their annual duty in this regard and have gone their way—to attend to other matters.

Pegler Finds Out What He Sounds Like

The Post Enquirer runs this dispatch from Tucson:

Howling and barking off our dogs has so disturbed Columnist Westbrook Pegler that he has brought suit for an injunction to stop the noise. He also seeks damages from the owners of the dogs to the extent of $1000.

Election Coercion of Teachers By Board's Machine is Charged

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ers Association, and member of the executive board of 28th District, and now serving as legislation chairman.

Also active in the OAKLAND LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS.

OTTO HIEB FOR OFFICE 2

Otto H. Hieb was born in Lodi, California, age 44 years, educated in California Public Schools, married, one son attending Oakland Public Schools.

Graduate Stanford University—General Secondary Teaching credential.

Entered office machine business in Oakland in 1930 and has operated own business continuously since that time.



OTTO HIEB

Active in community and civic affairs, with particular emphasis on Youth Services. Past President Oakland Rotary Club, Past President East Bay Stanford Club, Director Oakland Area Council Boy Scouts. Served as Chairman or Committeeman on Oakland Community Chest, Oakland Chapter American Red Cross, East Bay Safety Council and Oakland YMCA.

Member of Yerba Buena Lodge 403, Oakland Scottish Rite and Aahmes Temple Shrine.

JOHN WARE FOR OFFICE 3

I, John W. Ware, of 1110 - 32nd Street, Oakland, California, submit the following letter in regards to my qualifications for the Board of Education at the April 19, nominating election!

Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, December 16, 1904. Married to Mrs. Pocahontas Ware of Alameda, California. Father of four children. Have been a resident of Oakland since 1925.

Graduated from Oakland High School and University of San Francisco in 1931, B. S. degree in Business Administration. Studied Law at Golden Gate Law School.

Member of Masonic Lodge, Elks, P-TA, N. A. A. C. P., YMCA, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Elected to Democratic County Committee in June 1948.

Engaged in Life Insurance Business in official capacity from 1931-1949. Own and operate retail grocery business in Oakland.

Have been active in the Community Chest, Red Cross and Civic life of Oakland for many years.

During World War II was a member of Boilermakers No. A-26. Took out a withdrawal card upon close of shipyards.

CHAS. W. FISHER FOR OFFICE 4

Charles W. Fisher, born in Oakland, February 10, 1896; Mother, Anna C. Fisher, Father, P. M. Fisher.

Graduated Oakland Public Schools.

Law degree University of California.

Veteran World War I.

Past Commander, American Legion, North Oakland Post No. 431.

Attorney and Judge Advocate, Industrial Post No. 1010, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Past President Rockridge Improvement Club.

Past President College Avenue Commercial Club.

Member State Legislature 1931 to 1936, inclusive.

Member Oakland Library Board 12 years.

President Homes and Children's Alliance since 1927.

Former Legislative Chairman California Conference of Social Work.

Past President Alameda County Association of Social Work.

Legislative Chairman Oakland Council of Social Agencies.

During World War II was associate member of Selective Service Board and District Warden.

Practicing Attorney in Oakland for past 25 years.

His father, P. M. Fisher, was a former Alameda County Superintendent of Schools, member of the Alameda County Board of Education for 41 years, Principal of Technical High School, and Supervisor of Academic Instruction of the Senior High Schools of Oakland.

CORA A. RISER

Rudolph Bitterman, as chairman of a "Non-Partisan School Committee," send The Labor Journal the following:

Cora A. Riser, who will seek re-election to the Oakland Board of Education Tuesday, April 19, is a former teacher with over 25 years experience in P-TA work.

This was pointed out by Rudolph Bitterman, chairman of the Non-Partisan School Committee, that has endorsed the re-election of Mrs. Riser, C. Stanley Wood, current president of the school directors, and Otto H. Hieb, the third incumbent.

The following accomplishments indicative of Mrs. Riser's schoolhouse background and service were listed by Chairman Bitterman:

Past president of 28th district California Congress of P-TA, assistant parent education chairman state board California Congress of P-TA, director of San Francisco Urban League, member of Red Cross Committee, member of joint 28th and 16th district P-TA Juvenile Protection Committee, director Alameda County Zoological Society, former director Women's Division of East Bay Chapter National Safety Council.

Queried as to her philosophy for Oakland Schools (include San Leandro High School) Mrs. Riser declared:

"I shall continue to strive for provision of the best possible educational opportunities for the girls and boys of our community, qualified personnel, adequate buildings and grounds, and supplies.

"I believe in the security of position and adequate compensation of competent and qualified employes.

"I believe the affairs of our schools should be administered in a non-partisan, harmonious, unprejudiced and efficient manner," she concluded.

(Editor's Note: The AFL Educational League has endorsed John Ware for the Board of Education place now held by Mrs. Riser).

STANLEY WOOD STATEMENT

Endorsement of C. Stanley Wood for re-election to the Oakland Board of Education was announced today by Homer Buckley, Chairman of the Veterans Non-Partisan School Committee.

Wood, incumbent and president of the board is seeking re-election at the Tuesday, April 19th primary elections.

Buckley said: "That all citizens must be alerted to the importance of this election due to the fact that the communists are making an attempt to get into our school system." Leila L. Thompson is opposing Wood for School Director No. 1. In her verified statement filed with the City Clerk, Mrs. Thompson states that she has been Treasurer of the Communist Party of Alameda County and boldly asks the people for support of the Communist Party in the school election. (She is sponsored by a number of well known communists of the community.)

Speaking for the committee, Mr. Buckley said: "That Mrs. Thompsons candidacy is a direct challenge to all good Americans in the Oakland and San Leandro area."

Wood, a past commander of Oakland Post 5 of the American Legion, has been active in the Americanization Program of the Legion and other organizations for many years. He was the first Chairman of the Local Committee of American Education sponsored by the American Legion and National Education Association, and he has always been vigorous in his opposition to any un-American activities.

The Veterans non-Partisan School Committee is made up of veterans of all wars and includes:

Buckley, Art Daniels, Art Ames, William Stephens, Harry Machell, Walter Pardee, James J. Taylor, Dr. John Slavich, L. H. (Larry) Taylor, Robert Rishell, Col. J. S. Dumser, Don B. Schertle, L. M. (Don) Clough, Elmer Zollner, Markell Baer, Ben D. Tooley, Art Ormond, Frank Cochrane, Irv Hazelton, and John Hoffman.

Linkage of AFL Political And Educational Work

NEW YORK (LPA)—More than 50 AFL education and research directors met in New York to map out an integrated educational program, which will be of real help to the AFL in future political drives.

Sponsored by the Workers Education Bureau, official educational agency of the AFL, the conference discussed ways of improving its own coordination of union educational programs, the use of new techniques, and pending federal legislation—like the National Labor Extension Service bill—which affects workers education.

Principal speaker at a luncheon meeting was Director Joseph Keenan of LLPE—the AFL's political arm. Keenan pointed out that the AFL's political and educational efforts must be dovetailed.

Congressman Allen Sends Labor Journal a Note About His Newsletter

Editor, Labor Journal:

As you may know, I have now started sending a weekly newsletter as it has occurred to me that the people of the district might be interested in receiving news from time to time from the Congressional front in Washington. As yet, I have a small mailing list of about 250 names. The newsletter is mailed via air to you on Saturday and by regular mail on Monday to my constituents.

As this newsletter is still in its infancy I would very much appreciate receiving any comments and criticism you might make towards establishing a definite policy for the weekly newsletter.

Kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

JOHN J. ALLEN, JR.

(Editor's Note: We started criticizing when we got Representative Allen's first newsletter. In an editorial entitled "Rankin, Allen, and Knowland," published on page six of our April 1 issue, we commented on a "cheap crack he made in his recent 'first newsletter' to his constituents," and remarked that "Mr. Allen is still resting in the bosom of the Knowlands, and like Senator Knowland plainly shows by this vulgar crowing over a national crisis that he has definitely joined the Dixiepublicratic Party.")

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Information on New Rent Law Awaited by Board

Rent Board Release

S. Lennart Cederborg, General Chariman of the Alameda County Rent Advisory Board and Hubert J. Barnes, local Area Rent Control Director announce that the local office is receiving numerous inquiries about the new rent act.

They point out that the amended Housing and Rent Act of 1947 under which the Alameda County Rent Control Office has operated during the past year expires at midnight, March 31, 1949. It will be superseded by a new law passed by the Congress on Tuesday, March 29, and signed by the president today.

The provisions of the new law contain a number of changes from the recent act.

Since they feared it would result only in further confusing the situation, they preferred to make no statements or interpretations of the provisions and operation of the new act until detailed official information is received from the National Housing Expediter.

They stated that they have been advised that all possible steps are being taken to provide this information as soon as possible, and that it will be released as quickly as it is received.

Cederborg and Barnes commented further that it will be the intent of the Advisory Board and the Rent Offices to administer the provisions of the new act as fairly and equitably as humanly possible from the viewpoints of landlords and tenants.

Inside News

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want to thank all who helped make this party a good one by attending or sending in their money.

Remember the Bingo game April 19 at the hall. Coffee and cake will be served. Playing to start at 1 p.m. or as near that as possible. Keep this date open.

Diana Holder and Barney will soon move into their new home. They are living on the place now and working hard to get the house finished. Their new address is 5610 Carlos street, Richmond, Calif. They are just over the line in Richmond.

Bert Shumake is taking a good rest and feeling better. We are all glad to hear good reports from Bert.

Are you reading the political articles in your journal? We will do well to read and weigh them carefully. It will soon be time to go to the polls. Be sure you are ready and know what is best for all, as far as it is possible for us to know. Read your Journal for all labor news. You will find much of interest to us all.

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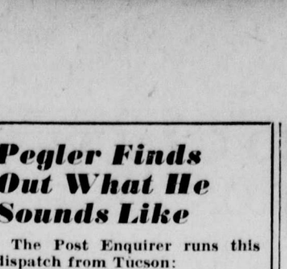
MAE A. BRISTOW,
Press Correspondent

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OAKLAND'S LEADING JEWELERS



NEW TYPE FROM DIXIE—Dr. Frank Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, has been appointed by Governor W. Kerr Scott to succeed Senator J. Melville Broughton, who died this month. He has a long record as a fighter for civil rights and the rights of labor.—(LPA)

Five Building Crafts Show Solid Front

Five crafts put up a united front in negotiations with the Associated General Contractors in Northern California which will be resumed April 26.

The present AGC contract covers teamsters, carpenters, operating engineers, laborers, and cement finishers. It covers these crafts in 42 counties, the expiration date being April 30.

The unions asked 20 cents an hour wage increase and nine paid holidays per year. The employers countered with the suggestion that there b wage cuts and added many other points which the unions promptly rejected.

Union negotiators claim that the employers are holding back on the starting of new jobs, to create an atmospnere of unemployment and discourage tough bargaining by the unions.

District Councils of the unions are handling the negotiations, George Gibbs of the Laborers and E. N. Staats of the Cement Finishers are among the East Bay men active in the matter.

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Here is How They Can Evict You Now

Rent Administrator Tighe E. Woods issued Monday the steps landlords must take to evict tenants under the new "home rule" rent control law.

Under the old law eviction control was entirely in the hands of local authorities.

Woods listed the following grounds for eviction and the time in which a tenant must vacate after receiving his landlord's notice to move:

1—Non-payment of rent—not less than three days.

2—Violation of "substantial obligation of tenancy," such as conducting a business in part of the premises contrary to the rental contract—not less than 10 days.

3—Nuisance or illegal or immoral use—not less than 10 days.

4—Refusing access to landlord to inspect premises or to show it to a prospective purchaser—one month's notice.

5—If tenant sublets the dwelling unit and lease expires or is otherwise terminated—not less than two months.

6—If a state or political subdivision acquires the housing accomodations to make a public improvement, but wishes to rent them temporarily pending construction of new project—notice period not less than two months.

7—If tenant occupies part of company housing development customarily limited to employes, but no longer works for the company—notice period of not less than two months.

A landlord may sue for eviction if a tenant fails to obey a notice in the above cases. When the landlord sues, he must give written notice to the area unit rent office stating the title of the case, the court in which it is filed, the name and address of the tenant and the ground for eviction.

A second category of grounds for eviction requires issuance of a certificate to the landlord by an area rent office. Once he has a certificate the landlord then may take whatever steps are necessary under local laws to obtain possession of his property.

Bridges Warned by Murray Spokesman: 'Why Not Quit Us?'

R. J. Thomas, national assistant CIO director of organization, warned the international convention of the CIO Longshoremen's and Worehousemen's Union in San Francisco Tuesday that it was time to play ball or quit the league.

In the midst of an executive session of the convention in which alleged grievances of Harry Bridges and other leftist leaders of the national CIO were being voiced, were being voiced, Thomas said:

"In view of the complaints and criticisms of CIO policy voiced here today, I don't see what you are doing in the CIO. If the CIO is such a poor organization, why don't you get out?"

MURRAY ANSWERS BRIDGES

A telegram from CIO President Phil Murray was read before the convention by Regional Director Tim Flynn in which Murray ridiculed Bridges' contention that he as a CIO executive board member had been denied access to statements of the CIO financial condition. Murray said that Bridges had been absent from 11 of the last 15 meetings of the board, and so didn't know what was going on.

Murray also ridiculed Bridges' contention that only the ILWU and the Miners had fought the Taft-Hartley Law.

BRIDGES' SPEECH

Bridges in his opening talk to the convention told the delegates that "we are left wing, and we hope to continue that way."

He said that so far as the clash with the national CIO policy was concerned, "if they are right you better reorganize this union and get a different set of officers, because the ones I'm speaking for now are going to carry on as they have the last couple of years."

"I go to a national CIO executive board meeting," added Bridges, "and want to raise a couple of union questions, and right away some people want to know where I stand on Russia.

"As far as this union is concerned, anybody who thinks Joe Stalin or the Soviet Union is perfect is crazy—but that is not the issue. There are a hell of a lot of things wrong in every country. The issue is: Are they bad enough to go to war over?"

KEARNEY'S STATEMENT

As the convention opened Monday, a statement bearing the signature of James Kearney, anti-Bridges president of Longshore Local 10, asserted:

"Next Wednesday night the Communist Party has pledged itself to take over the local's meeting by mobilizing its waterfront membership for the purpose of rescinding our 100 percent endorsement of the policies of the national CIO."

Bridges' spokesmen accused Kearney of pushing through the resolution endorsing the national CIO policies at a previous meeting of Local 10 by telling the local that national CIO help had been responsible for a Navy promise to give dock jobs back to the local.

"Why did President Bridges oppose my going to Washington to try to get the dock jobs back?" asked Kearney's statement. "Was he afraid that Jim Kearney could accomplish what he couldn't? I, as an individual, accomplished nothing—except to enlist the aid of Philip Murray and the CIO—and it was the CIO that backed Truman for President, not the dead horse Wallace—that got the job done."

RUTLEDGE AND CHAUDET DEBATE ELECTION ISSUE

The following letters, received from Hugh Rutledge and Joe W. Chaudet, are printed side by side since one refers to questions raised by the other:

RUTLEDGE

Editor, Labor Journal:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to Mr. Joe Chaudet in answer to his article which you printed in last week's issue of The Labor Journal.

We would appreciate it if you could find space in this week's issue to print this letter. We appreciate your statements that in a democracy there will be differences of opinion, and that to print both sides will be appreciated by your readers goes without saying.

Very truly yours,
PAINTERS LOCAL No. 127
By H. S. RUTLEDGE,
Business Representative

April 4, 1949

Mr. Joe Chaudet
Dear Sir and Brother:

In the last issue of The Labor Journal (Friday, April 1st) I noticed that you kindly answered the several statements made by myself in regards to certain candidates for election on April 19th, and also attempted to explain the position of the AFL Educational League in endorsing certain candidates who were not approved by members of this Local Union.

While it is not my intent to create the impression among the readers of the press that I desire to enter into any argument with you, I still think that in your ignorance, you have missed the point entirely.

First, let me state that my record as a Business Representative of Painters Local No. 127 for the past 13 years precludes the possibility that you could tell me the meaning of the word rabble rouser. You and I both know that in Labor Circles we refer that name to someone who gets up and does all the shouting but does not do any of the work. While I did not particularly refer to you in my statements, I feel that if the shoe fits you, then you can wear it.

What I did refer to was when at the meeting of the AFL Educational League, a certain colored gentleman got up and talked for 15 minutes eulogizing the actions of the League in endorsing a non-union member for the office of the Board of Education against the Officer of the powerful Butcher's Union. Now, Joe, to be truthful, I never saw that speaker before and have never even seen the candidate that the League endorsed, and we would appreciate it if you would let us know if he at least belongs to a Union.

Now, this is going to be short and you can also get the support of plenty good union members by answering a few questions in the next issue of your paper.

"Why did the League endorse two members of the Oakland Real Estate Board when all union men know that the Board is like you and that is against rent controls?" "Why did the League endorse a younger man than Finn when all the rabble rousers stated at the League meeting that Finn was too young to hold office?" "Why did the League endorse a candidate against Frank Roberts, the Secretary of the Butcher's Union, and also a long time good union member?" "Why did the League endorse a young real estate broker against a union member who has carried his card for 30 years?"

Now, Joe, if you can answer the above questions, here are some more:

—"Why are the powerful Carpenters and the powerful Teamsters out of the Councils?"

You and I know that it is because they were dissatisfied with the leadership of the Councils, who are the same leaders who run the AFL Educational League, And, now to top it off, you and your ilk have driven the powerful Butchers out of the Council. The Automotive Trades are out and if you don't get wise to yourself, you will find others in the same fix. "Is it your intention to break up the Councils by making them so obnoxious no good Local will belong, or just what are you looking for?"

Finally, Joe, in my estimation, the rank and file would appreciate it if you went in for more unionism and less politics.

Fraternally yours,
PAINTERS LOCAL No. 127
By H. S. RUTLEDGE,
Business Representative

CHAUDET

Editor, Labor Journal:

The undersigned is in receipt of a communication from Hugh Rutledge wherein several questions are askd concerning the AFL Political League's choice of candidates. The opportunity to answer Mr. Rutledge in the same issue wherein his questions are asked is appreciated. The undersigned will not attempt to deal in personalities or flaunt his union record as they have no bearing on the case. Neither will I attempt to run in the battle of Bull Run to confuse the issues that have been raised. So here goes.

No. 1—The speaker that was mentioned as eulogizing the League's actions has been a delegate to the CLC since 1945. He did not eulogize the opponent of the Butchers Union representative. He was speaking about the candidacy of Mr. Ware who is opposing Mrs. Riser. It is always well to get ones facts straight before talking, Hughie.

2—Neither Braga or Linotti are members of the Oakland Real Estate Board and both of them are in favor of strict rent control.

3—You state that ALL the "rabble rousers" said that Mr. Finn was too young. No, Hughie, only one man spoke of Finn's age and the committees choice was made on answers to specific questions on matters vital to labor. Rent control, transportation, need for a new charter, the building of a greater city, labor's part in community, taxes, etc. Choices were made on platforms of the candidates and age played no part in that choice. Mr. Finn is a highly competent man but the committee thought that Mr. Linotti would make a better candidate.

4—The League endorsed a candidate against Mr. Roberts because they thought Mr. Fisher was a better qualified man for that position. He has had many years experience in education, in legislation and his knowledge and grasp of the functions of the Board of Education were superior to Mr. Roberts. He like the other three endorsed for the Board have a specific platform that was printed in its entirety last week in The Labor Journal.

5—Your question as to why did the League endorse a young real estate broker against a union member who has carried a card for 30 years can be answered nearly like the above. The League felt that Mr. Braga is a better qualified candidate than the present incumbent who was never elected to his job, but appointed after protests were made by labor that no appointments be made until the newly elected Councilmen of 1947 were installed. Mr. Rishell is a lame duck appointment and as such is not the choice of the people of the city of Oakland. The League also feels the way you do Hughie about the incumbent. Mr. Braga's opponent has carried a card for thirty years. Carried a card is right. Period.

As for the questions you raise about unions that have withdrawn from the local AFL Councils, about the time several locals of one of the unions you mention withdrew from the Building Trades Council, you wrote in The Labor Journal of June 16, 1944 as follows: "I have full confidence in the delegates' abilities to handle the affairs of the Council in a businesslike way without the cooperation of the anti-union forces that have always attempted to disrupt the harmony of the Council." Have you now completely lost faith in the ability of the delegates of the Building Trades Council and the Central Labor Council, seated along with you at the political convention of the AFL Educational League, to handle their affairs in a businesslike way? And, incidentally, as one who is now bent on doing all you can to block the decision of the duly constituted majority of the two Councils, are you overlooking the harm that may be done through what you yourself so well described as "cooperation with the anti-union forces that have always attempted to disrupt the Council"?

As for your statement that the Butchers are withdrawing from the CLC I have checked with Secretary Ash and as yet notice to that effect hasn't been received by the CLC. And incidentally, Hughie, about all of these withdrawings, re-affiliations, etc., just what have they to do with choices for a city election? I might ask you, Hughie, why aren't the Miners in the AFL, why don't the CIO and the AFL join, why are the Machinists out of the AFL, why does the sun rise in the east?

And while I am finishing this up, I'd like to ask a few of my own and that is: Why did Rishell and Youell vote FOR the police and firemen pension plan when the AFL Firefighters were opposed to it if they are such good union men? Why have Youell and Rishell consistently voted against a Building Trades man on the Housing Authority when the Act provides for a labor man on that Board? Why did Rishell and Youell vote against stop gap rent control when labor was for it? Why have Rishell and Youell voted in favor of that 12th street dam monstrosity that the labor movement has consistently opposed as a flagrant waste of taxpayers' money? What have Rishell and Youell ever done to reduce taxes? That is enough for now, Hughie, but there are a lot more where those came from.

Fraternally yours,
JOE W. CHAUDET

Wallace Again

The People's World announces that Henry A. Wallace, "together with three distinguished European visitors, is scheduled to speak out for peace in the Scottish Rite Auditorium in S. F. on May 10."

The "three distinguished visitors" are left-wingers from Britain, France, and Italy.

Marine Firemen's Wage

Marine Firemen's Union, independent, has won "wage parity" with the AFL Sailors Union of the Pacific after long negotiations with the Pacific American Shipowners Assn. The union had contended that a "clothing allowance" granted the AFL men was a "wage increase in disguise."

VOTE FOR CANDIDATES BACKED BY THE AFL—ELECTION ON APR. 19!

The AFL Educational League of Alameda County, official political arm of the AFL, and part of the national AFL political organization which helped to elect President Truman last November, endorses the following candidates for the Oakland primary election Tuesday, April 19:

FOR OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL
Albert Braga
Frank Linotti

FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Dorothy Campau
Otto Hieb
John Ware
Charles Fisher

FOR CITY AUDITOR
Russell C. Horstmann

Remember that any registered citizen of Oakland can vote for any candidate for any office in this election, regardless of what district the candidate was nominated from.

BTC Men Urged to Back Public Housing Bill

The Building Trades Council has received a letter from President Richard J. Gray of the AFL Building and Construction Trades Department, calling attention to the U. S. Senate public housing and slum clearance bill S. 1070, scheduled for discussion on the floor of the Senate this week.

"This bill," says Gray, "while not completely satisfactory, should have the active support of every building tradesmen in the country."

Gray points out that "Senators Bricker (R., Ohio) and Cain (R., Wash.) longtime enemies of public housing, are all set to scuttle the bill by introducing crippling amendments."

Labor Day New Date?

The American Automobile Association suggests that Labor Day be observed two weeks later each year in order to prolong the vacation season.

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AFL's LLPE to Start Weekly Next Month

WASHINGTON (LPA) — The long-planned tabloid weekly newspaper of Labor's League for Political Education is slated to start publication in May. AFL leaders so reported to delegates at the League's two-day national conference here.

The new paper will replace the "League Reporter," now a newsletter, and to begin with will be sent to every local union and to key people in AFL and League affiliates.

Contests Developing for Rural School Trustees

County Govt. Release

Contests are beginning to develop in the filling of trusteeships in the rural school districts of Alameda County according to Vaughn D. Seidel, County Superintendent of Schools. Announcing his candidacy for a place on the Hayward Elementary Board, was William R. Gubbins of that city who will oppose Edward Stanton, incumbent, who has already filed for reelection.

At Niles, Tennyson and Valle Vista there are indications of possible contests made known through the declarations of candidacy received at the county school office.

John Cattaneo of Niles, Francis D. Peixoto of Tennyson and Elizabeth Patterson of Valle Vista are seeking posts on the respective boards while the incumbents in these districts have not as yet filed their declarations.

County Superintendent of Schools Seidel pointed out that prospective candidates have until April 20 to make their declarations of candidacy.

BERKELEY QUAKERS have written Senators Knowland and Downey, protesting the Atlantic Pact.

BTC Takes Note of Union Label Authorized by AFL for Printed Work

The Building Trades Council took note at a recent meeting of a communication from the California Allied Printing Trades Conference which reproduced various sizes of the Allied Printing Trades Council union label, and said:

The union label shown above is the official label of the International Allied Printing Trades Association, an organization composed of the following five International Unions: International Typographical Union, International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union, International Bookbinders' and Bindery Women's Union, International Photo Engravers' Union, and the International Stereotypers' and Electrotypers' Union.

Its appearance on printed matter, newspapers, pamphlets, books, etc., indicates that all work necessary to complete the job upon which it appears has been performed by members of the five respective International Unions under whose jurisdiction the work falls.

Local Allied Councils are chartered by the International Allied Printing Trades Association to promote the use of the Allied label in specified areas. The name of the city in which the local Allied Council is located appears on the lower portion of the label. Local Allied Councils lease the use of the Allied label to fair employers and employers licensed to use the Allied label are assigned identifying numbers.

Whenever the Allied Printing Trades Council label is used it must carry the identifying number or the name of the firm using the label. No other Union label is authorized by the American Federation of Labor to identify union printing.

BTC delegates expressed the desire always to have this union label on any printing done by the BTC or its affiliated unions.

PATRONIZE our ADVERTISERS!

Drive to Elect Braga, Linotti To City Council Pressed by AFL

(Continued from Page 1)

selected by a labor coalition in the last municipal election and since that time I have been making an intensive study of city government with the idea in mind of preparing myself for a seat on the council.

It is my intense desire, if elected, to see that the interests of labor as well as of the rest of the commu-



MARION BOTTA

nity are protected through a program aimed at full employment and fair employment practices. Also I shall work unceasingly to expedite the housing program, for a fair distribution of the tax burden, for a modern city charter and more efficient organization of city government, for a workable solution to the transportation problem, to expedite the building of four new health centers and for satisfactory retirement plans for city employes.

FRED S. BRECKENRIDGE

Fred S. Breckenridge, candidate for Councilman-at-Large in the Oakland primary election April 19, said in a statement that he is a veteran of World War II, and a union representative, belonging to the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America.

"My platform," he said, "is civic betterment for the benefit of all, the main issues being:

"Improvement of transportation based on rezoning, that is, a return to the original fare zones, and rescheduling;

"Traffic control based on the elimination of bottle necks;

"Equalizing of real property tax based on fair evaluation of taxable real property;

"Inauguration of a housing program to eliminate slum tenement districts and provide maximum housing facilities."

Breckenridge lives in East Oakland in the Eastmont district, is married, has two daughters, and has lived in Oakland for 22 years.

FLORENCE FLETCHER STATEMENT

Eric Cullenward and Associates, handling public relations for Flor-



ALBERT BRAGA

ence Fletcher, sends in the following statement:

Twenty-one women, representing almost every type of women's activity in Oakland, gathered last Friday at the Robin Hood Inn to hear Florence Fletcher, candidate for the City Council at the forthcoming election, April 19.

Introduced by Mrs. Anna C. Law, welknown leader in civic affairs, Mrs. Fletcher outlined her policies and stressed the need for "common sense thinking" on the Council. Pointing out that she has been a resident of Oakland for 25 years, the candidate pleaded for economy in government. "The taxpayer's dollar," she said, "should be spent with as much care and judgment as if it were being spent out of one's own pocket."

Guests at the luncheon were:

Miss Alice Pinson, Mrs. G. M. Clark, Mrs. Emil Raffetto, Mrs. Edward Ettlinger, Miss Eleanor Dall, Mrs. W. E. Creed, Mrs. Robert Olcutt, Mrs. Rachel L. Bostic, Mrs. Elsie Beaumont, Miss Grace H. de Fremery, Mrs. C. S. Colyar, Mrs. Marian Miller.

Mrs. L. Sledge, Mrs. Muriel Bardellini, Miss Matilda Harris, Miss Jean Barthe, Mrs. Dulcie A. Horton, Mrs. Margaret Greek, Mrs. Alice Gamble and Mrs. Louise Clough.

Green Praises Graham

WASHINGTON (AFL News Service)—The appointment of Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, to the U. S. Senate was hailed by AFL President William Green.

In a statement issued here Mr. Green said:

"We regard Dr. Graham's appointment as an important addition to the liberal and progressive forces representing southern states in the Senate."

Dr. Graham was named to replace Senator J. Melville Broughton who died recently. The former member of the National War Labor Board will serve until the 1950 general election.

Apprentice Painter J. E. Stanley Wins Praise for Panel

Joint Apprenticeship Committee

John E. Stanley, painter apprentice from Oakland, recently won State-wide recognition with his imitation Spanish walnut grained panel in the panel contest held in Long Beach, California. The panel contest, an annual affair, is sponsored by the California State Joint Apprenticeship Committee for the Painting and Decorating Industry, in order to encourage apprenticeship training and maintain high standards of craftsmanship.

Apprentice Stanley, who is only in his third six months period of apprenticeship, first entered his beautiful grained panel in a local contest in Oakland, by the Alameda County Joint Apprenticeship Committee.

This committee supervises the apprenticeship training of over one hundred trainees, carefully rotating them through established processes of the trade and classes of related instruction.

John Stanley receives his related instruction at Laney Trade and Technical Institute in Oakland, where Loren Stevens is the apprentice coordinator.

RUTLEDGE COMMENTS

Hugh Rutledge, Secretary of the Painters' State Joint Apprenticeship Committee, said:

"I have attended many local and state panel contests where the work of hundreds of apprentices was displayed. Never have I seen as many nor as beautiful pieces of the painters' art displayed as this year; the competition was unusually keen and apprentice John E. Stanley is to be heartily congratulated for placing among the State winners.

"The successful State panel contest was a direct result of the voluntary and unselfish efforts of the many painting contractors and union representatives who serve on local Joint Apprenticeship Committees.

"I am sure the painters' trade and the Public will welcome these young painters who acquired their skill by training on-the-job, the only place where skilled craftsmen can be trained."

MOUNTAIN'S PRAISE

H. E. Mountain, business representative of Painters Local 1178, and Secretary of Painters Joint Apprenticeship Committee for Alameda County, stated:

"The local committee members are really proud that one of our boys won in the State panel contest. It is an indication that we are on the right track in using apprenticeship standards which are apporved by the State of California, Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Apprenticeship Standards, to train more and better craftsmen.

"We are cooperating 100% in the apprenticeship program, and are participating in the Mass Graduation of Apprentices of the East Bay, which will be held at the Oakland Auditorium Arena on the night of May 17, 1949.

"United States Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin, will deliver the main address, and we will be there with a large group of graduates. Certificates of Apprenticeship Completion, furnished by the State of California, will be presented to the new craftsmen at this public ceremony."

Equal Rights Bill

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Elimination of discrimination against women in industry is the purpose of a bill introduced by Representative Thomas H. Burke (D, Ohio).

The bill, calling for the establishment of a Presidential commission to investigate and eliminate such discriminatory practices, would guarantee to women equal legal status without endangering the special benefits now afforded them under the law.

250 LLPE Leaders Meet in Washington To Fight T-H Law

Labor's League for Political Education

With the Taft-Hartley Repeal Bill ready for action on the floor of the House of Representatives, AFL President William Green called to Washington 250 key AFL and LLPE leaders from every state in the union. In two action-packed days, March 30 and 41, a double barrel program of action was agreed upon.

On the morning of the first day the AFL National Legislative Council quickly outlined to the delegates the present legislative situation in Washington and the need for public support back home to muster enough votes to repeal Taft-Hartley.

The meeting adjourned early so that the AFL leaders could visit with their Representatives and Senators on Capitol Hill. Many of the AFL leaders were encouraged by the fact it now appears that many Congressmen who voted for Taft-Hartley in 1947 have not only become disgusted with the Act in operation but have wisely appraised the November 2 election as a mandate for repeal.

On the second day, concrete plans were made for LLPE action in the 1950 election. Everyone of the 48 states made enthusiastic reports supporting the need and effectiveness of trade union political action year in and year out.

The delegates unanimously agreed the only language the politician understands is votes in the ballot box on election day. The only way to get votes in the ballot box is to have a permanent League in every district and a union steward in every precinct.

Everyone agreed that LLPE's non-partisan policy is sound; that we must keep our organization independent and not be the tail to one political party or another. We have enemies in both parties.

The present Republicans from Nebraska and Democrats from Mississippi talk alike, vote alike, and are alike except for party label. Professional politicians learned healthy respect for labor's vote on November 2, because they know our League picked and supported candidates on their merit and not on party prejudice.

Laski Tour is Backed by Colleges, Labor Group

NEW YORK (LPA)—A number of American colleges have joined with the Sidney Hillman Foundation and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America-CIO in sponsoring the forthcoming lecture tour of British Laborite Professor Harold Laski.

Laski, frequently a key figure in British political controversies, was invited to visit the country by the Hillman Foundation, set up by the ACWA in honor of its first president. It scheduled several Laski lectures on the role of trade unionism in modern society and has been cooperating with various universities in bringing Professor Laski to their campuses.

The University of North Carolina, Howard University, the University of Denver, and the New School for Social Research, in New York, all have invited Laski to speak. A similar invitation was extended, then withdrawn, by the University of California. Famed Harvard University, however, promptly asked Laski to speak at its law school forum on the dates which California released.

While frequently taking positions to the "left" of the executive committee of the British Labor party, of which he is a member, Laski is not regarded as a "fellow traveler." In fact, in 1946 he was commissioned by the Labor party to write its official pamphlet stating why it refused to accept the affiliation request of the CP.

Shipyards' Value For Defense Told By Metal Council

A. T. Wynn, secretary-treasurer of the Bay Cities Metal Trades Council, has issued the following statement:

IS OUR COUNTRY SECURE IF ATTACKED BY A FOREIGN COUNTRY? Ask your Senators and Congressmen for an answer!

One of the most essential industries in the time of trouble is the Shipbuilding Industry. WHAT ARE OUR OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON DOING TO PRESERVE THE SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY? Ask your Senators and Congressmen for an answer!

Our Government, through the United States Maritime Commission, is spending enormous sums of money on shipbuilding. WHERE IS THIS MONEY GOING? Ask your Senators and Congressmen for an answer!

All Seaports in this Country should have adequate shipbuilding programs and our Government should think of the national defense of our Country when it distributes these ships to be built in peacetime.

After World War I, statements were made that this Country would never be placed in the position that it was at the starting of World War I. And what happened! The Administration at that time did the same thing that our Government Officials are now doing after World War II.

IT IS ABOUT TIME THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DEMAND SECURITY FOR ALL PARTS OF THESE UNITED STATES AND ITS HOLDINGS.

For example: If our Country was attacked now and the Panama Canal were closed by the attack, which is possible, we, the American People, would be placed in a very critical state!

Our Government has spent an enormous amount of money on all coasts, especially the Pacific Coast, to build shipyards during the last National Emergency, for a successful defense of our Country. But what is our Government thinking of when it allows these yards to be either torn down or put into "Moth Balls"! It would be bad enough if our Government was not spending our money to build ships at all, but as it is building them, our Government should at least distribute these ships evenly so that all Ports would have their equal share for national security and to keep the shipyards running and in good condition in all these Ports.

Whether you are in New York, Texas, Colorado, or on the Pacific Coast, an attack on any of these points endangers the whole forty-eight states and the American People should feel that their portion of the Country and the whole Country, is properly defended.

I would like all Americans to give this matter serious consideration. Each one of you can help a lot by just sending a postcard to your Congressmen and U. S. Senators asking them what they are doing to protect all parts of our Country in case of an attack.

Red Cross Drive

Having reached 80 percent of its total goal of $372,272, Oakland Chapter Red Cross will continue its 1949 fund campaign until the total amount is collected, Walter L. Eggert, fund chairman, announces.

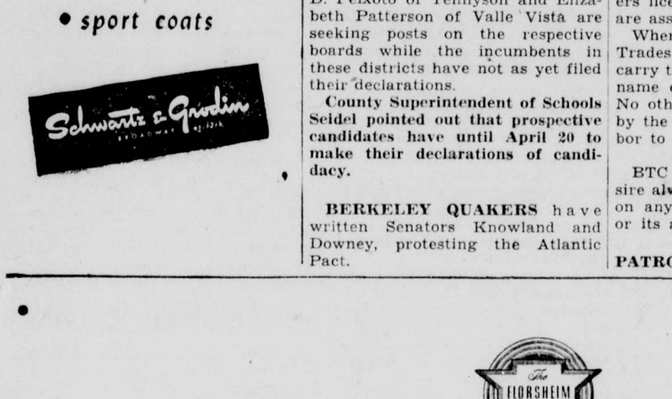
The decision was reached at the fourth report luncheon of the drive which sent more than 2000 volunteer workers out to finish the job, inspired by a talk delivered by the Right Rev. Msgnr. R. H. Hammond of St. Anthony's Church.

Reports of volunteer workers in all divisions at the luncheon, held at the Oakland Chapter House, 906 Fallon Street, brought the total collections of the campaign to $292,950—better than 21 percent short of the total goal.

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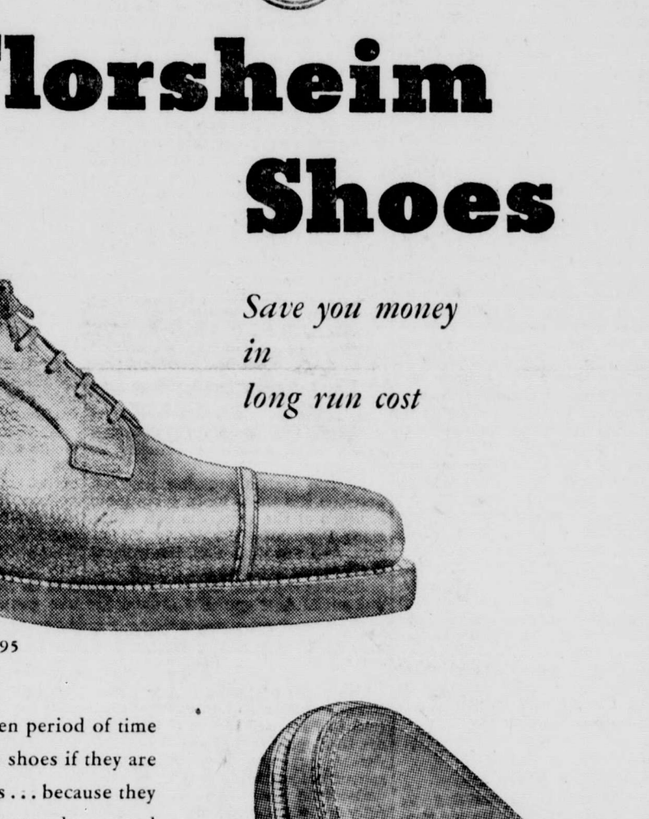
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EDITORIAL AND FEATURE PAGE OF THE EAST BAY LABOR JOURNAL

JOE KNOWLAND WORRIED

He Tries to Keep His Pipelines Into AFL Working During Oakland Campaign But They're Leaking at the Seams!

Mr. Knowland's Knave, the company unionist who writes under so appropriate a name, did as we expected. He published in his laboriously cute column the text of the half-page ad which was run in The Labor Journal of March 25 over the signature of Painters Local 127.

Ponderously jocular as ever, the Knave said in the March 30 Trib:

"If the matter hadn't been specifically called to our attention, we might have completely overlooked that disagreement in labor ranks over the forthcoming city election. But the editor of The East Bay Labor Journal assumes that the Knave will reprint choice phrases from an ad published in the March 25 edition of that paper, and the Knave is certainly not one to disappoint a constant reader. The Journal editor suggests reprinting of 'choice phrases' but the Knave isn't stingy. Here's the complete text."

The Knave did then reprint the whole ad's text.

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Naturally, however, since he was under no instructions from the head of his company union, Joe Knowland, to play fair, the Knave did not reprint all of the following from our editorial:

"Organized labor has a good chance in this election, as the AFL and the anti-Communist majority CIO are standing shoulder to shoulder.

"Readers will note, however, that we are not claiming any more harmony within the AFL than actually exists. In this issue The Labor Journal has endeavored to present fairly all arguments made by minority delegates at the AFL political convention Monday night. In addition, we are publishing a large ad which bears the signature of Painters Local 127, and which denounces the majority AFL decision in such vigorous fashion that we assume Mr. Knowland's Knave will enjoy reprinting choice phrases from it such as 'rattle-brained rabble-rousers,' and others. We commend to Mr. Knowland an equally fair and full presentation in his Tribune of minority opinion within his own group."

Naturally, also, the Knave didn't reprint this additional statement in our editorial:

"The majority of the AFL in Oakland is tired of having Mr. Knowland decide who the candidates of organized labor shall be. We've picked our own candidates, just as the majority CIO, being tired of the same Mr. Knowland's running of affairs, has picked its candidates without regard to the feelings of the pro-Harry Bridges minority group at 160 Grand, the leftist gang soon to be cleaned out. We're steering right down the center, anti-Knowland, anti-Communist, so here goes!"

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Inevitably, doing that, steering right down the center, we're catching it from the Commies on the one hand, and the Knowlanders on the other. The Commies, however, are more of a problem for the majority CIO than they are for us, whereas the Knowlanders are more of a problem for us of the AFL.

For many years Mr. Knowland has kept his pipelines running into the AFL here. He is now determined to keep two men with AFL affiliations, Youell and Rishell, on the Oakland City Council. He had Rishell appointed to the City Council to take the place of another AFL man he had handpicked for us. When The Labor Journal exposed during the election campaign two years ago the fact that that other AFL man didn't even reside in Oakland any more and practically never attended City Council meetings, Mr. Knowland bestirred himself and dug up Mr. Rishell for us. Now Mr. Knowland and the Knowlanders within the AFL, a small minority group, are very much disturbed because the AFL majority failed to endorse both Mr. Rishell and Mr. Youell.

During the Presidential campaign, Mr. Knowland and his little group of AFL Knowlanders were similarly very much disturbed because we wouldn't take the Knowland candidates, Dewey and Warren. We didn't take them, and neither did the nation!

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No matter how cutely our company unionist friend the Knave tries to word it, he knows very well that we knew very well from the start that the half-page ad sponsored by AFL Knowlanders was sure to be reprinted in the Tribune. The Knave perhaps even wonders in his honest little heart if that's why the ad wasn't taken to The Labor Journal in the first place. How does the old baseball description of a slick double play go? Tinker to Evers to Chance, isn't it? How about Knowland to Youell to Rishell? Or Youell to Rishell to-----?

Well, all this just brings out what we knew before the campaign started. But it's a good wholesome development. The Knowlanders in the AFL publicize themselves and their attitudes and shout that the Tower is a boogyman right in The Labor Journal where our majority can study their performance and pass judgment on it. As for the Knave's coy statement that he heard there was "a terrific argument before The Labor Journal accepted the ad," that's downright amusing when we remember how our whole staff chuckled over the fact that the AFL Knowlanders were so exposing their hand in that ad.

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The Labor Journal tries to help win elections, and hopes to win this one for its two Council candidates and its four Board of Education candidates.

But in this Oakland election as in the recent national election, what we're fundamentally interested in is the basic building of a sound labor political movement that will be fooled neither by the Commies nor the Knowlanders.

Whether we win or lose with our candidates in a particular election campaign, we are sure that in each campaign the fundamental issue of no-Communism no-Knowlandism gets more and more clearly stated. And that in itself is a victory!

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FRIEND AND FOE

In Radio and Press

An effort to "break the deadlock between the West and Communism and discover a new solution transcending both" is the goal set for themselves by the United States churches which are members of the World Council of Churches.

At a recent conference in Evanston, Ill., it was agreed that as part of this effort studies will be made of "industrial evangelism, the responsible society, and the message of the Bible to an industrial society."

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To transcend means, literally, to climb up or over. Figuratively it means to surpass, or excel, or exceed. Perhaps what the church people are after is a solution combining the best elements of the two systems, as the plain fact is that each is now so well established that large aspects of each seem destined to survive.

Charles P. Taft, who has been active in this work of the churches, gives a clue in a recent comment on the World Council of Churches' denunciation of both Communism and laissez-faire Capitalism. Taft said that some people seemed to think that this denunciation left only Socialism as the proper course in the Christian view.

Taft suggested that actually "the alternatives advocated by the World Council of Churches were either a modified Socialism, like that of many of the European countries, or a modified Capitalism, like that in the United States."

Meanwhile we have with us almost every day in the Post Enquirer Mr. William Randolph Hearst yelling at the top of his hoarse voice that under Mr. Truman's regime we already have Socialism in this country. But the truth is, we've got something a lot worse than Socialism in this country—we've got Mr. Hearst!

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YES, SOME LABOR MEN DID VOTE FOR DEWEY

AFL President William Green, recently interviewed on the radio by a bunch of energetic reporters, was asked by one of them if it were not true that many members of labor unions voted for Dewey and Warren in the last Presidential election.

Despite persistent cross-examination, Mr. Green refused to admit that any labor union members had so voted, although he didn't positively deny that they had.

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In our opinion Mr. Green made a mistake in not at once admitting that, of course, some labor union members voted for Dewey and Warren. In fact, he might well have stated that one AFL international union's executive board came out squarely for Dewey, and that another, which claims to be the biggest union on earth, sat on the fence despite the fact that its highly respected international president had during several previous campaigns considered himself the leading labor Democrat.

For the luvva mike, why not admit a few of these things? Right out in public, on the radio!

The painful truth is that it's hard work getting a solid labor-oriented labor political movement to going, and that we're far behind schedule on it. If Mr. Green ever comes to Oakland, we'd tell him a lot about how Joe Knowland has his faithful henchmen right here—and he'd believe it, too, because of course he knows the score! And we think that he and all other labor leaders would do better to insist on these truths rather than to endeavor futilely to evade them.

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'PRESS SOLIDARITY' AND THE CHRONICLE

S. F. Chronicle said in a recent editorial:

"This paper rejects the 'ethics' of press solidarity and speaks out on occasion against the bad press."

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The present writer makes no bones about the fact that the Chronicle is his favorite Bay Area paper, which he reads as faithfully as he reads the New York Times, every day of the year. But that's no reason why a false claim, or one believed to be a false claim, should be permitted to go unchallenged.

Actually the Chronicle showed just recently how faithfully it practices the "ethics" of "press solidarity" when it failed to inform its readers about the libel action brought by Congressman Havenner against the Examiner, and the fact that the Examiner humbly apologized to Havenner. This was a perfect illustration of the operation of "press solidarity," which is practiced basically for financial reasons. The idea is that newspaper publishers stick together and never let the public know when a wronged person sues a publisher. In this way wronged persons have almost no recourse to public opinion, for of course usually the publisher fights the thing through all the courts, with the other publishers suppressing news of the whole business.

Moreover when the Chronicle says that it speaks out "on occasion against the bad press," it should add that the occasion is very rare, and that usually the "bad press" is not named specifically. In other words, the Chronicle surely has a "bad press" in its own town, namely the Hearst press, but does the Chronicle ever dare attack it by name?

To be fair about it—and we do wish to be fair to a paper that has gone as far toward high standards as the Chronicle—the management of the Chronicle probably figures that if it did openly attack Hearst, that Pegler-hearted supermagnate would find some way of destroying the Chronicle, as in the course of his dreadful career he has destroyed so many other good things.

"The Ghost Drives"



DIXIEGOPS ANALYZED BY CONGRESSM'N HAVENNER

The Labor Journal has been calling 'em Dixiepublicrats, but the CIO News has worked out a more effective name, DIXIEGOPS, which we here and now appropriate. And here's part of a talk Congressman Franck R. Havenner of San Francisco made March 29 over KQW analyzing the antics of these same Dixiegops:

I want to express my thanks to the management of KQW for permitting me to use their broadcasting facilities to make a report from Congress to the people of San Francisco and the Bay Area.

The opposition to President Truman's liberal legislative program in the 81st Congress is made up of as weird an assortment of mismated political bedfellows as Washington has ever known. The Dixiecrats and reactionary Southern Democrats who belong to this coalition privately admit that they think and vote like Republicans, but they do not dare to join the Republican Party at home, because the traditional enmity of the South toward the Party of Lincoln is still alive and is a potent political influence.

On the other hand even the most reactionary leaders of the Republican Party do not dare to issue a public invitation to the Southerners to join their party on the only issue upon which such a permanent coalition might conceivably be effected at this time—open opposition to the civil rights program of President Truman. The GOP leaders are afraid to expouse this issue openly, because they know that public sentiment in every section of the country outside of the solid South would not tolerate open opposition to the civil rights program.

MAKESHIFT ARRANGEMENT

Indeed it was the Republican Party which first made racial equality and civil rights a national issue, and by force of arms compelled the southerners to free their slaves. And the prejudices of the Civil War era still linger in the south to such an extent that the idea of joining the Republican Party is too repugnant for serious consideration by the vast majority of heriditary southerners.

So the present legislative alliance between Southern Democrats and the Republican Party is a makeshift arrangement, which offers no likelihood of the formation of a new political party.

Hosts of American Progressives, like those who followed Theodore Roosevelt and Hiram Johnson into the old Bull Moose Party, in open rebellion against the ultraconservatism of the elder Taft, and who voted for the elder LaFollette in revolt against the reactionary Republican policies of Coolidge, have hoped throughout the years that there would some time be a genuine realignment of the major American political parties along the lines of liberal and conservative philosophies of government. I believe that millions of American citizens would welcome such a realignment today, but from a practical political standpoint there is little likelihood that this will be accomplished because neither the reactionary Southern Democrats nor the reactionary Northern Republicans will align themselves with such a movement.

BIG BUSINESS SCHEME

Shortly after the national election of last November, when the echoes of the Truman victory were still reverberating throughout the land, the present speaker happened to be present during a transcontinental telephone conversation between a prominent California Democrat and a big business executive in Wall Street.

After the lengthy conversation had ended, my Democratic friend told me all about it. He said that the Wall Street executive, who is a power in conservative Republican circles, had boasted that the election of President Truman and of a Democratic majority in the Senate and the House of Representatives did not mean that the policies of the Democratic National Platform would be enacted into law during the present session of Congress. "We can line up enough Southern Democrats who will vote with the Republicans to defeat President Truman's program," the Wall Street leader said.

At the present time many reactionaries are boasting that this and similar prophecies have been fulfilled. However, there are political symptons in evidence which indicate that this unholy alliance may not be maintained much longer, and the first break may come on the Republican side. It is an open secret that a number of Republican Congressmen who were elected by narrow margins in bitter election fights last fall are very apprehensive about the reaction of public sentiment at home to the policy of opposition to all liberal measures which Republican leaders have compelled the members of their party to support recently.

SOME GOP LIBERALS

Already a handful of liberal Republican Congressmen have cast their votes in opposition to their party program and the GOP leaders in both houses are plainly apprehensive that this rebellion may spread. So they are cracking the party whip over the heads of all recalcitrant members, even going so far as to threaten to defeat legislation of vital importance to the districts which these congressmen represent.

Some political observers are saying that the big business bosses of the Republican Party, after five successive defeats in National elections, have given up hope of electing a Republican president in the foreseeable future, and are now relying solely upon a legislative alliance with Southern Conservatives to defeat the will of the American people in Congress.

The rank and file of Republican voters throughout the country are just as strongly devoted to the ideals of civil rights as were their forefathers who fought to preserve the Union on that very issue. It will be interesting to see how long these Republican voters will continue to elect representatives in Congress who do nothing but conspire with Southern Dixiecrats to trample civil rights under foot and to defeat all other legislation which is designed to give the common people a break.

REDS, TOO, FILIBUSTER!

Like Hitler and Mussolini, the totalitarian dictators of today are openly scornful of democratic governments which preserve the institutions of free elections and the rule of the majority. These dictators say our governments are hopelessly inefficient, and that the principle of majority rule is a deterrent to orderly progress. Certainly the coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats in the American Congress has given these totalitarian critics of Democracy one of the most damaging weapons of attack which they could possibly obtain.

The action of the Italian Communists in adopting the filibuster as a means of delaying action by the Italian parliament on the North Atlantic Pact is a grotesque satire upon the tactics of the Republican-Southern Democratic coalition in Congress. In this country in recent years the most violent denunciations of Communism, both foreign and domestic, have come from the southern advocates of white supremacy and the reactionary leaders of the Republican Party.

Now the world is being treated to the spectacle of Republicans and Southern Democrats in American and Communists in Italy waltzing simultaneously down the filibuster trail in opposition to the principles of democracy. The world has never seen a stranger assortment of fellow travelers.

GOP TROUBLE AHEAD!

Our reactionary Republicans may be congratulating themselves upon having discovered a substitute for a majority party, but their alliance with the poll tax southerners has made both of these allies vulnerable if either of them should develop any political weakness. In other words, the reactionary Republicans in the north can now be defeated in the south and vice versa the Dixiecrats of the south can be fought in the future in the elections of the north.

I have too much respect for the intelligence and sound Americanism of the rank and file of Republican voters in every part of this country to believe that they will be hoodwinked by the political excuses which their representatives in Congress are now advancing for their alliances with Southern Bourbons for the protection of jim-crowism in America.

WOMEN
in this World

By EDITH McCONN

THE CRIME RATE among American women is declining. So says Lieut. Col. Agnes McKernan, former territorial director of the Salvation Army's Prison Bureau.

Col. McKernan believes that the decline in the crime rate is largely due to the greater economic security which women are enjoying today.

"Under the old system," she says, "a girl born in poor circumstances was either obliged to marry for a meal ticket, or all too often enter a life of vice and crime. 'Nellie sinned for pretty clothes' it used to be said."

More opportunity for women to earn a living and be independent has given her the means to buy her own pretty clothes.

Moreover, according to Col. McKernan, women who have gotten into trouble and have served terms in prison are now being given a better opportunity to reform and lead better lives.

"To much is still being written about ex-convicts who return to crime," she says, "and not enough about the hundreds who have made good."

Bad news travels fastest, therefore we are grateful to Col. McKernan for calling our attention to some good things which are happening among us today.

Most crimes of women today, she finds, are committed by the younger girls who have lacked parental supervision, and she suggests that perhaps the parents, rather than the girls, should be sent to prison.

However that may be, we are glad to hear that more economic security is having its good effect. Union labor has always maintained that this would be true, for men as well as women. Naturally we are pleased to have our own ideas confirmed.

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California Woman Lauded For Arctic Exploration

A California woman has received high honors as one of the great explorers of our time.

Exploring doesn't seem, off hand, a hobby which would appeal particularly to a woman. Yet Miss Louise Arner Boyd of Marin county chose this field a good many years ago, and recently received a "Certificate of Appreciation" from the Army department, presented recently in a ceremony by Major General Roscoe B. Woodruff at his office at Governors Island.

Miss Boyd not only chose exploring as her hobby, but the forbidding Arctic as her field. Back in 1926, when it was a grim business indeed, she began her work, and has been decorated by four governments for her scientific contributions on Greenland and has had an area in Franz Josef Land officially named after her.

During the war she turned her hundreds of maps, photographs and papers over to the government. These were invaluable and General Woodruff said of her:

"Miss Boyd's contribution and her exemplary service were highly beneficial to the cause of victory."

Miss Boyd is now "resting up" in her San Rafael home by writing. Her latest book is "Coast of Northwest Greenland." In addition she gives dozens of lectures annually. Soon she will sail for Portugal where she will address the International Geographical Congress in Lisbon this month.

California is proud of our Miss Boyd. She is a living example of what a woman can do when she makes up her mind to it.

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California Diet Varied, But Could Be More So

When it comes to cooking we California women think we are tops, for we have taken our good basic American cookery and added to it a host of delicious dishes borrowed from the kitchens of women who come from other lands.

Recently Cornell University, in New York, at its annual Farm and Home Week made quite a feature of introducing some of these foreign dishes to American farm women and has even got out a series of booklets on the foods of different nations.

No doubt we Californians could still learn a lot from other lands, and most of us have open minds in the subject. In the east, however, and especially in the middle west, minds—and mouths—are still pretty well closed to such experimenting with food.

You may drive hundreds of miles through the middle west, visiting cousins and aunts from Denver to Akron, and have a steady diet of pot roast, mashed potatoes, hot rolls and apple pie, all the way. If it's summer, you will also get corn—of the best—and string beans. And ever and always, cole slaw!

Visiting easterners, on the contrary are excited—or disgusted, as their temperament may be—with our great variety. Many an easterner has yet to eat his first artichoke.

Eastern cooks, who for generations have put sugar and cinnamon on top of a piece of dough and called it "coffee cake," are somewhat shocked to see us spread tomato paste, olive oil, cheese and maybe anchovies on a piece of dough, bake it, and call it "Pizza."

Even so, most of us could experiment even more. East Indian cookery it still pretty much of a mystery to us, as is Chinese, except for a very few dishes. Perhaps the reason for this is that it is difficult, requiring many hours and innumerable ingredients. One East Indian chicken curry, for instance, requires nineteen different ingredients.

Here, where so many herbs are green the year around we don't all make as much use of them as we could. Perhaps, even in California we get into culinary ruts. Maybe we'd better start adding to our recipe lists, before those eastern cooks really get busy and begin to outdistance us.

CROP PRODUCTION in Alameda county for 1948 was valued at $33,608,000, or $4,842,000 over the previous year.

April 19 is the Day!

By JOHN J. SWATTEM

April 19th's a very good day
For labor to prove it knows the way
To go to the polls, vote for its rights,
And wallop the Reds and Knowlandites.

BRIDGES NOT SO GOOD AS REBER PLAN, SOME ARGUE

John E. Pickett, editor of the California Farmer, writes a letter to The Labor Journal on stationery of the "San Francisco Bay Project—the Reber Plan," in which he contends that despite all the talk about bridges across the Bay, "eventually they will all have to come to the Reber idea because we must have the fresh water, and we will be stymied in factory and suburban development and in military safety until we have it. The counties understand this thoroughly, and approximately 150 newspapers have given space to it."

Pickett, speaking for the group headed by Vice Admiral Greenslade, retired, which is "handling the educational work for the Reber Plan," says that the group "has had some very fine reactions from labor leaders."

Pickett's paper has long been considered by organized labor as too much inclined to echo the sentiments of the Associated Farmers. However, there is such general interest in the various plans for drawing the Bay Area communities closer together that The Labor Journal herewith reprints part of a Questions and Answers leaflet on the Reber Plan supplied by Pickett:

REBER PLAN

Q. What construction is embraced in the Reber Plan?

A. A solid land dike 2,000 feet wide, joining San Francisco and Oakland; a dam 600 feet wide, connecting Castro Point near Richmond and Point San Quentin, being of the overflow type, with a bridged trafficway across it; a vast hydraulic filled area along the east shore of the Bay; a ship canal joining the two fresh water lakes which will be formed back of the two dikes; and a series of ship locks to connect the remaining salt water area of the Bay with the ship canal.

Q. What type of construction will be required?

A. The two dams will be of dredged fill, with part of the material removed from the ship canal dredged to a depth of 50 feet, and of materials sucked from the bottom of the Bay, to be contained between dumped rock walls. The ship locks will be of concrete, as will the traffic and railroad tubes under the ship canal at the east end of each of the causeways.

Q. What will this do to San Francisco Bay?

A. It will create two vast fresh water lakes out of the north and south arms of the Bay, and confine the salt water area to the central portion.

Q. What are the main Bay Area problems this simple construction would solve, and what benefits be assured?

A. The traffic crossing problem between the three main geographic sections of the area, the San Francisco Peninsula, the Marin Peninsula, and the East Bay, the critical fresh water problem for the municipalities in the area, the fast-growing industrial developments around the Bay, and the rich agricultural economies both immediately adjacent to the Bay and in the interior of the state; provides railroad transportation direct to the city of San Francisco; creates additional land for industrial development to enable expansion of heavy industry at the heart of this potentially most important harbor of the Pacific Coast; corrects shortage of recreational facilities; eliminates salinity in the upper bay farming and industrial areas; reclaims thousands of acres of land now unsuitable for agriculture, residence, or business, due to salt impregnation; makes available land for a modern airport and a central terminal for all types of transportation within easy reach of the entire metropolitan area.

Q. What would it cost to construct the project and secure these multitudinous benefits?

A. $200,000,000 at 1946 prices, according to a liberal estimate by Engineer Nishkian. (Note that the State Toll Bridge Authority has announced that it would cost $237,000,000 to build the two new bridges it proposes, not including distributory roadways of the approaches.)

Q. Will this relieve the traffic bottleneck between San Francisco and Oakland?

A. The lower 2,000-foot causeway will accommodate a sufficient number of traffic lanes to provide adequate toll-free crossing for all conceivable time, and in addition, the upper causeway will make possible toll-free, delay-free passage from the East Bay to Marin. With the Golden Gate Bridge, these two causeways make a complete circle of high speed roadways for fast, direct connection for civilian and business transport and for the rapid movement of troops and material in time of war.

Q. Did you say "toll-free?"

A. Yes.—Engineer L. H. Nishkian calculated that income from the sale or rental of vast new areas of industrial lands, and other possible income would make it unnecessary to charge any toll for motor vehicles.

Q. Wouldn't the unlimited automobile flow across the lower causeway add to the already congested traffic situation in San Francisco?

A. Probably, but not so much as would a parallel steel bridge across the Bay, or the Alameda-Army Street bridge, either of which would deliver its traffic to one or two distribution roadways. On the other hand the lower causeway would deliver traffic to all the streets which run to a shore line of at least 2,000 feet in length, hence the comparative congestion would be lessened.

DAN TOBIN ON LEADERS' WOES

Dan Tobin: International Teamster

The price of leadership is sometimes so bitter and so discouraging that one often wonders if the honors that come to leadership are sufficient payment for the agonies sometimes endured from being misunderstood and one's actions willfully and maliciously misinterpreted and misconstrued.

How often have I gone home at night after reading some severe bitter denunciation of my attempts to be helpful to our membership, how often I have gone to bed bitter against the cruelty of things as the result of malicious, willful moral murdering of our attempts to raise the standard of our people one slight cog in the wheel of life, and for this purpose hoping you who may read this, you who are sometimes discouraged and depressed, may understand that for every success in life there is a sorrow and for every smile there is a tear, but also keep in mind that no achievement was ever obtained by any individual who sat idly by and permitted wrong to prevail, one who would watch the passing scene of unjust treatment of his fellow men without putting forth every ounce of energy and putting to work every cell in his brain to help his fellow man and to render service based on justice for those who have entrusted him with the responsibility of leadership.

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The following persons and firms, after a thorough examination into the causes at issue, have been deemed unworthy of the patronage of members of organized labor and their friends:

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Peter Paul, Inc., 1001 81st Ave.
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DRUG STORES
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All locksmiths in the East Bay area not displaying the union shop card.

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Time
West Coast Printing Co., 467 4th St.
Saturday Evening Post
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Feltman & Curme, 1208 Washington St., and 1932 Telegraph Ave.
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Vine Pastry Shop, 2114 Vine St., Berkeley

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Graystone Apartments, 26 Penox Ave.

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